

THE HEAVENLY ACADEMIE.

R. Ross (Fa.)
Jam hic videte magnum Sacra-
mentum, fratres. Magisteria
forinsecus, Adjutoria quædam
sunt, & Admonitiones; Ca-
thedram in Cœlo habet, qui
corda docet. Aug. Tract. 3. in
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TO
THE RIGHT
HONOURABLE,
JOHN Lord Ro-
BERTS, Baron
of Truco, &c.

My Lord:

TO whom first
as a Judge, &
next as a Pa-
tron, should
a worke present it selfe,
that concernes both Uni-
versities, but to a person
that hath knowledge of
a both?

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both? For the lower, I
thinke there are scarcely
any, that have more pro-
fited in it, in no more time;
a diligent and apprehen-
sive Learner, having met
with an able & communi-
cative Teacher. And for
the higher, I thinke you
know it well, because you
love it well. Not to goe
farre for a proofe, the ex-
pressions of love, which
you have beene pleased
to shew me, did arise (as I
beleeve) especially from
this root; because you
thought me to be of that
Univerfitie. Now that
for which another is lo-
ved,

Dedicatore.

ved, must needs be loved it selfe, and what is loved is knowne ; for what we know not, we love not.

And in this love and knowledge, I desire that your Lordship may still increase, untill you come to the fountaine of knowledge, and the finall, full, and transcendent object of all created love. Towards this increase, if the following work may give some advancement, it shall adde much to the joy of him, who is to

*Your Lordships (especially spiri-
tuall) service justly devoted,*

F. Rous.

cti odri. id



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 *T* is the just saying of an Ancient, Pro-
dere grata commemo-
ratione decet scientiæ pa-
trem; It is comely to ac-
knowledge with thankful-
nessc, the Father of our
knowledge. If this be just-
ly due from man unto man,
how much more due is it
from man unto God? For
though man be called the

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Gen.4.21. father of those that are taught by him, yet God is the Father of those fathers; even a Teacher of those teachers: and therefore by our Saviours judgement deserves only the name of Father, in perfection and eminence. Those then that have God to be a Father of knowledge to them, should returne to this Father the praise and glorie of this knowledge. The heavenly gifis of God, when they move kindly and naturally, doe move like the Heavens, in a circular motion; returning to that place and point from which they began

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gan first to move; from God unto God. They come from him as graces, and returne to him in the shape of glorie.

Accordingly, having received a measure of grace from this heavenly Teacher, by which I am what I am, I could not but acknowledge it, and by this acknowledgement returne him glorie for grace. And because I desire also that others may have the like grace, that God also from others may have the like glorie, I testifie to others that which I have felt and seene. I have evidently seene and felt, that men are taught of God;

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and so there is a third school
for the Students of Divinitie. And as they passe from
the Countrey-schoole to the
Universitie, so should they
yet mount higher to a third,
even a Celestiall Academie. And certainly, as the
second excels the first, so &
much more doth the third
excell the second.

Some perchance may an-
swer with the Servant, Son,
and Heire of the Great E-
lijah; Hold your peace, I
know it already. Yet those
that know it, will not envie
that it be told to those that
know it not. There are sons
of the Prophets that must
grow

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grow up like young plants in
the house of the Lord ; and
those have a time when they
know it not , and this dis-
course may meet with that
time. Yea there may be
some Masters in Israel, in-
to whose eares perchance it
hath passed, but not entered
into their hearts, that as a
man must be borne , so hee
must be taught from above.
And if this naile be driven
beyond hearing, into know-
ledge, experience, and taste,
I hope no man will be sor-
rie for such a gaine. Besides,
too true and common it is,
that the naturall heart of
man willingly lies downe.

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and

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and takes up its rest in the abilities of Nature ; and fetcheth oracles from thence (the cause of so many errors , and differences the consequencies of errors) and therefore bath it need of such goads to awake it, and to make it open the eye and eare to this heavenly Teacher.

It is most true, that those who have not beeene taught in this higher schoole of Grace, but onely in the lower of Nature, cannot well acknowledge that which they know not ; this schoole being best learned, known, and acknowledged , by those whom

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whom it most teacheth. And those who have beeene well taught there, doe well know, that Christians are herein better than their neighbors, even than the best of Pagans, because they are taught by God, the best, most transcendent, and infallible Teacher. The heavenly Teacher teacheth them both what and how to beleeve; he gives them his heavenly truths contained in his Word; and gives them withall an heavenly mind to discerne, beleieve, and receive them. And thus while a Christian holds his religion by an heavenly hand, & both

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both are given him by an heavenly Teacher: a Christians tenure of religion is far more noble, excellent, and assured than that of the Pagan. A Christian thus taught from above, believeth and worships what he knowes, whereas the Pagan worships what hee knowes not; even that which he hath received only by the way of Nature, from naturall, deceived, and deceiving men: But the Christian hath a spirit from God in Christ Jesus (for if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is not Christ's) and this Spirit gives him a spi-

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spiritual eye, which an Heathen hath not; and yet this eye alone, can truly and kindly discerne and see spirituall and heavenly truths. And for this spirituall eye, which the Christian hath from the Spirit of God, the Heathens and Mahometans may say among themselves of a Christian, as once an Heathen King said to his Heathen Subjects of Joseph: Can wee find such a man as this? a man in whom is the Spirit of God.

And that such Christians may abound, is the end of this work, which for ought I know

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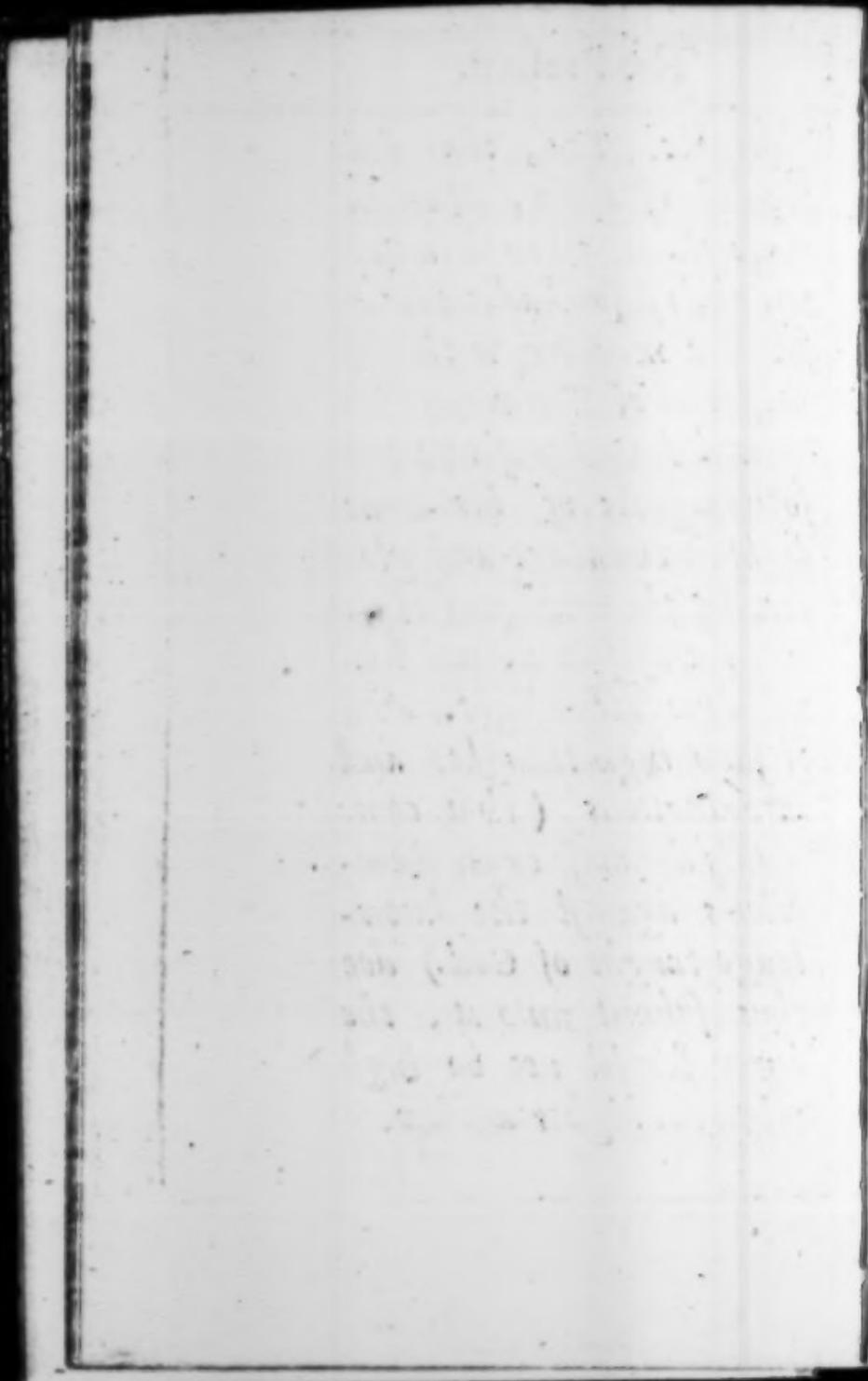
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know, hath not beeene overwrought, nor thereby made superfluous and unseasonable for the present age. I wish that fetching heavenly knowledge from carnall reason and humane wit, have not made it too seasonable. Yet to turn men back the more willingly from this counter-course, I have brought forth patternes of some, who have taught and professed a deniall of their own wits and reasons, though acute and excellent; and have (as it were) quenched their owne naturall lamps, that they might get them kindled above by the Father of

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of lights. Yea, thus did sundry of them, even in those times, when humane wit and reason had made too great a mixture with the mysteries of Divinitie. Yet then did God preserve the souveraigntie of his owne light in eminence and glorie, by the homage of these mens confessions, and submissions to that light. And if such high thoughts and imaginations (that commonly doe most exalt themselves against the knowledge taught of God) doe thus submit unto it, the lower should not be high when the higher are low.

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CHAP. I.

*The greatest and benefit
of the lower Academies.*



OUR Saviour
Christ having
made use of
many old things
of the Creation, to repre-
sent and insinuate many
new things of the Regen-
eration, he infers a posi-
tion

Matth. 13.

tion from his practice; therefore everie Scribe which is instructed to the Kingdome of Heaven, is like unto a man that is an Houholder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things both new and old.

Whosoever then would expresse the best character of an heavenly Scribe, from whence should hee rather take it, than from the best patterne, lively set forth by the best and highest Teacher, who was that which hee described, and described that which hee was? And whereas our

our actions must be guided by rules, he doth justly draw rules from his owne actions.

Having then so absolute, both a Patterne and a Teacher, let us boldly frame the character of our heavenly Scribe, to the shape both of this chiefe Doctor, and of his Doctrine. Accordingly wee will commend to our Scribe things both new and old (but the old first, because they are first) and after him who is Truth, will lay downe this true position; That toward the making of a learned Scribe,

Scribe, there is a great advantage to be gained by the gathering of old things into his treasurie. The Scribe that wil be learned, may be a gatherer of old things; and so let him be. Let him gather into his treasurie the things of Nature, yea gather a stock of them, and lay them up for his use, when he comes to the new. Let him know in a competent measure what is to be found abroad in the old Creation; yea, let him learne what is copied out of it by art and industrie, to serve him in the things of Regeneration.

tion: and if in this search he meet with the learning of the Ægyptians, he may carrie their jewels into his treasurie. Let an Heathen Logician or Philosopher, be his Gibeonite to cleave wood, and to draw water for his service in the Sanctuarie. Let the one divide, define, and order; and the other draw secrets from the depths of Nature, to serve the Lords servants in the Tabernacle. Let the precept and patternes of vertues, gathered from their doctrines and stories, serve for spurs and incentives to grace,

grace, to goe beyond the effects of Nature ; and for exprobations when shee doth it not. And let the languages both of the Un-beleever, and Mis-beleever, serve for keyes to open to new men , those mysteries which the old men see not , neither doe open to themselves, though the keies be in their hands.

Such old things as these are earthly needles , that may draw in heavenly truths : They are earthly glasses, that may help our eyes to a clearer discerning of heavenly images : they may help to illustrate,

strate, to insinuate, to convince, and to gaine. By them the new man may be a Grecian to the Grecians, to gaine and convince the Grecians; and a Jew to the Jewes; to gaine or convince the Jewes; and all things to all men, to win some. And accordingly the most laborious Scholler of the greatest Master, though sometime rapt up into the heavenly Schoole, yet when hee is among the Jewes, he convinceth them by the Prophets received of the Jewes; and when he is at Athens among the Grecians,

Acte 26.
22.

A&s 17.
28.

ans, hee convinceth them also by their owne Prophets ; even learned Heathens , by their Heathen Poet.

Lastly , this Scribe in the lower Academie, may improve the abilities of Nature, given him by the first and old creation. For these old things will grow by use and exercise , and likewise become excellent instruments in the new estate ; there being no little use of understanding, memorie, & elocution, when they shall become new, and new things shall be added to them.

And

And thus the Scribe having gained in the lower Academie a large provision of these old things, hee commends the use of that Academy, which furnished him and his treasurie with this provision : and himselfe is to be commended for one part of a perfect, and well instructed Scribe. And though there remaine yet a more excellent part, yet even to this part there wants not an excellencie, and consequently a great degree of praise and commendation.

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CHAP. II.

The necessitie and eminence of the Heavenly Academie. And first, in point of knowledge.

a Docens
omnem
hominem
in omni
sapientia,
tam ex-
terna,
quam di-
vina: ve-
luti vir
quidam
fortis &
strenuus bellator ambidexter, per utramque
eruditionem in adversarios sese armans, per
utramque disciplinam vincit reluctantes.
Greg. Nyff. in Basil. fratru laudem.

THe learned Scribe
being thus furnished
with old things in the
lower Academie, it re-
maines that he adde a new
things to the old, so to be
perfectly instructed ac-
cording to the character
stamped by our Saviour.
To get these new things

hee

hee must ascend up, and get him into a new Academie; even to that Teacher of soules, whose chaire is in Heaven: for this highest Teacher both sheweth and giveth us many new things in this highest Academie. Among them wee will first take notice of a new knowledge, given by a new light and sight, created in the soule. For certainly, whatsoever wee may thinke of our skill and knowledge in other arts, gotten by the old and naturall understanding; yet if wee rest in

B 2 this

b Una-
quæque
forma in-
dita rebus
creatis à

this old and naturall un-
derstanding, wee are still
short of the true and
kindly b knowledge of
Divinitie. **Divinitie** is a
Deo, habet efficaciam, respectu alicujus a-
ctus determinati, in quem potest secundum
suam proprietatem, ultra autem non potest
nisi per aliquam formam superadditam, sicut
aqua non potest calefacere nisi calefacta ab
igne. Sic igitur intellectus humanus habet
aliquam formam, scilicet ipsum intelligibile
lumen, quod est de se sufficiens ad quædā in-
telligibilia cognoscenda, ad ea scilicet, ad
quorum noticiam per sensibilia possumus de-
venire. Altiora verò intelligibilia intellectus
humanus cognoscere non potest, nisi sortiori
lumine perficiatur (sicut lumine gratiæ vel
prophetiæ) quod dicitur lumen Gratia, in
quantum est Naturæ superadditum. *Aquin.*
1.1.e. quest. 109. A. 1. Qui sine lumine super-
naturali Scripturas se intelligere arbitratur,
sine alis & pennis volare contendit. *Savana-
rola de Simplic. Vit. lib. 5.* Qui ad lectionem
sacrarum Scripturarū accedit sine lumine su-
pernaturali, seipsum impedit, & irrideat quia
leget,

leget, & non intelliget, quod est frustra tere
re tempus. Naturales enim scientiae, per lu
men naturale rationis, quod omnibus inest,
intelligi possunt : At scientia divinitus in
spirata, non nisi divino lumine poterit appre
hendi. *Id. p̄c̄em. Expos. 1. in Orat. Dominica.*
Docet Spiritus Sanctus, non externo clamore
vocis, sed interna inspiratione & illuminatio
ne cordis, scribit enim Legem in corda nostra.
Igitur cum non alius Doctor & Rector Eccle
siæ à Christo datus sit quam Spiritus San
ctus, consequitur, quod hi solum vere docti sunt,
qui Spiritum sanctum habent. *Ferus in
Joan. 14.* Mentem Sancto Spiritu non reple
tam Deum videre non posse : nisi quis cum
prolixa Dei gratia intelligere cœperit dicta
& facta Prophetarum, nihil ei proderit, quod
videatur voces eorum & opera proferre. *Iust.
Mart. Dial. cum Tryph.* Acutum ingenium
non conductit ad melius & facilius creden
dum fide divina — Nam actus ejusmodi fi
dei est supernaturalis etiam quoad substan
tiā — Noster intellectus non elicit ejus
modi actū, nisi juxta quantitatē & propor
tionem luminis infusi, *Gonz. in 1. Dīsp. 72. n. 12.*
supernaturall science, and
therefore a supernaturall

B 3 light

light is needfull to the right discerning of it. He that seeth the things of Divinitie onely with a naturall light, doth not see divine things in the true, but false shapes: for these things have one shape in themselves, and another in him that thus doth see them. The facultie by which wee will truly and kindly behold an object, must have a fitnessse and capacitie proper and agreeable to that object. There must be some kindred and proportion betweene them; and that which seeth, and that which

which is seene must be connaturall. Accordingly if we will discern colours, we use sight; if savours, smelling; if sounds, hearing. And for things of the second intention, to discerne them, we ascend above Sense unto Reason, and see them with our Understandings. And now proportionably if wee ascend higher to divine, heavenly, and spirituall mysteries, wee must have a divine, spirituall, and heavenly knowledge, whereby to discern them. For the naturall under-

tellectualibus operationibus ad intelligibilia

movetur, superflui quidem sunt sensibilium sensus; sicut & intellectuales virtutes quando anima Deiformis facta, per unctionem ignoti, inaccessibilis lucis luminis immittit.

Dionys. Areop. de divin. nom. Let. 9. Intel ligibiles virtutes nostræ naturalis rationis superfluunt, quando anima nostra Deo conformata immittit se rebus divinis, non immissione oculorum corporalium, sed immissione fidei; scilicet per hoc, quod divinum lumen ignotum & inaccessibile seipsum nobis unit & communicat.

Aquin. in Areop. locum. Omnis virtus creatæ naturæ habet terminos suos. Non enim potentia visiva potest aliud cognoscere quam lucem & colores; nec auditiva præter sonos; nec intellectus noster potest naturaliter aliud intelligere quam naturalia, & ea quæ per naturalia quoquo modo cognosci possunt. Sicut ergo potentia visiva, de somnis nullum potest dare judicium, nec auditiva de coloribus, ita nec homo animalis, nec carnalis, qui caret lumine supernaturali, potest de spiritualibus certū judicium dare—

Quia autem spiritualis habet lumen, quo supernaturalia cognoscuntur, potest de eis recte judicare.

Savunar. de simpl. vit. lib. 3. con. 6.

standing

standing doth perceive them no better than the eare doth the reason of sounds, or the nose the reason of smels; and summarily, than the senses do the things of the second intention. Surely the eye hath not scene, nor hath the eare heard these heavenly things: that is, neither meere naturall seeing, nor meere naturall hearing, can give us the true knowledge of them.

Yea, the heart of man, that is, the naturall reason of a naturall man, doth not rightly discern them. But to know the things of

1 Cor. 2.9.

Vers. 14.

B 5 God,

God, there must bee a mind given from God; even a spirituall mind to discerne spirituall things. If a learned Mathematician will teach a child the secrets of his skill, hee must not onely give him his rules, but his understanding. Now there is infinitely more odds betweene the great Teacher of Heaven and the most rationall man on earth, than betweene the most learned teacher on earth and the lowest learner. Neither in this heavenly schoole, betweene the supreme Teacher and his earthly

earthly schollers, is onely a difference of degrees, which I call a difference of quantitie, but also a difference of qualtie. For sithence the fall of man, the knowledge of man is growne carnall : his wisdome is a fleshly wisdome, and his understanding is growne heterogeneall, and of a different nature and temper ; yea ; not onely different and strange, but crosse to the divine wisdome and the mysteries thereof. Therefore the great Teacher of soules, seeing our need, according to that need

d Novo
oculo, no-
va aure,
novo cor-
de, quæ-
cunque
videri, &
audiri
possunt,
sunt per
fidem &
intelli-
gentiam
compre-
hendenda,
spiritualiter
dicenti-
bus, audi-
entibus, a-
gentibus,

Domini discipulis. Clem. Alex. Strom. lib. 2.
Caput Christus est; per illum enim videmus,
audimus, & loquimur. Iren. lib. 5. cap. 17.
e Nos spirituales sensum Christi habemus, id
est, participes facti sumus scientie Christi, per
acceptationem Spiritus sancti; & ideo anima-
les homines, vel Pseudo-Apostoli, nos judica-
re non possunt, qui sensum Domini habemus,
quem

need, gives his Learners
and Disciples a new and
heavenly understanding,
to discerne; and discer-
ning to approve as most
true and reall, divine and
heavenly objects. With
giving us the things of
God, hee gives a spirit to
discerne and favour the
things given us of God:
with the things of
Christ, hee gives us the
mind of Christ. And

quem illi ignorant. *Anselm. in 1 Cor. 2.* A sancto Spiritu procedens illuminatio, quem qui possident, possunt cum Paulo dicere, nos mentem Christi habemus. *Basil. in Psal 48.*

now having gotten spirituall understandings, spirituall things appeare to us in their right shapes, & seeme such as they are. And while to those whose teaching doth not ascend above the earthly Academie, spirituall things are things not seene, their inward as well as their outward eye not discerning them ; to the spirituall man taught of God in the higher Academie, they are seene spiritually ; and hee seeth not onely that they

they are, but what they are, and they are truly that which he seeth them to be.

CHAP. III.

A second benefit of the Heavenly Academie. The attaining of heavenly things after they are knownne.

Neither is there onely a new knowledge given us in the heavenly schoole, by which wee may truly and rightly see the things of God, but there is a new vertue infused to us, by w^{ch} we may receive

receive and enjoy them. If onely a light and sight had beene given us , by which wee may clearely see and know the excellent things which God hath prepared , but had no power to receive them, our sight & knowledge of them , might serve as a light, whereby to see their excellencie, and our owne miserie. For theri should we only see an happinesse , from which our selves are excluded. But God, rich in mercie, and who worketh his works from end to end, teacheth the will

to

to receive, as well as the understanding to see. He gives not onely an eye to behold, but a hand to receive celestiall riches. It is a poore and beggerly speculation, to know the richnesse of Mines, the preciousnesse of jewels, the value of pearles, and in the meane time, by having none of them, to suffer extremities of penury and want. But our highest Teacher not only sheweth us the treasures of his Kingdome, but teacheth us to take them, and so maketh us truly and really rich. As they are not

not in themselves meere words , and bare imaginations, but ^a realities, enduring riches, true and solid substance, which the heavenly Teacher by a new light discovereth to us : so neither are they presented to us as bare sights, shewes, and spectacles , but they are really made ours, by his teaching of our wils and affections to apprehend and receive them. Christ Jesus the precious Pearle of the Gospel, in whom are hid al treasures of blessednesse, anoynting our eyes with his oyntments, appeares

a Prov.

3.14.

Prov.8.

18,19.

& vers.21.

¶ Substantia permanens.

peares to us as the fairest
of men ; and annoynting
our hearts with his oynt-
ments , fills our hearts
with such love of him,
that we are drawne to run
after him ; and running
after him , wee overtake
him , and overtaking wee
are married to him : And
being married to him,
Christ our Well-beloved
is ours ; and if Christ be
ours, all things with him
are ours also. In him we
have blessings of the
highest nature, and more
immediately flowing in-
to us from the Creator :
remission of sins , peace
with

with God, communion
with God, conformitie to
God, a spirituall sonship,
an inhabitation of the
Spirit, an earnest of an e-
ternall inheritance, a joy
unspeakable and glorious,
a power of godlineffe, the
hidden Manna, fore-tafts
of bleffedneffe, the kisses
of Christ Jesu. Such
invaluable treasures, and
glorious riches are taught
us, & given us by teaching,
when God is our Tea-
cher, & we are taught of
God. Whiles he calls on
us without with his out-
ward word, to open our
mouths wide, hee calls,
moves,

moves, and teacheth us within with his operative word, so to open them, that they are filled with these good things; yea with Himselfe, who is Goodnesse it selfe.

This is a lesson which is onely taught in the heavenly schoole; For none can come to Christ, but hee whom the Father drawes by his heavenly teaching: if wee ascend not up to the Heavenly Academie, and get up above the teaching of men, unto the teaching of God, our hearts will never thorowly learne this lesson

lesson of happiness. The besenesse and sensualitie of mans heart will lye downe below the due estimation, price, and love of these pearles; and not suffer it to open it selfe, though it be to a Saviour bringing blessednes with him. It will not give a messe of temporall profit, preferment, or pleasure, for an heavenly birth-right, and a glorious inheritance. It will account it the chiefe learning, to learne some new promotions, lands, and lordships: and no wonder, for it takes onely visible things for

for realitie, though these
be but temporall, and pe-
rish with the using ; and
though the things not
seen are an enduring sub-
stance for all eternitie.
But the schollers taught
in the schoole of Christ,
account it their chiefe
learning to learne, and by
learning to receive Christ
with his blessings and
blessednesse; whom the
more they thus learne,
the higher are they estee-
med and placed by their
Master, who is Truth it
selfe , in the schoole of
blessednesse.

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CHAP. IV.

*A third benefit of the
Heavenly Academie;
knowing by tasting.*

There is yet another eminent, and transcendent learning given us by our heavenly Teacher in his highest schoole, and that is, a mysterious and secret, yet an assured, evident, and exceeding delectable knowledge, arising from experience and taste. By the first teaching, we rightly saw the things of God presented to us by God. By the

the second wee were taught to receive and posseſſe them. By the third, after we have tasted thoſe heavenly things whereof we were poſſeſſed, from this taste there arifeth a new, but a true, lively, and experimentall knowledge of the things ſo tasted. And indeed this is a knowledge ^a which no

a Sicut
mellis na-
tura non

adeò verbo persuaderi iis, qui minimè ſunt experti, quantum in ipſo gusto cognosci po-
tent; ſic nec co-leſtis verbi ſuavitas clarè
præceptis, aut do-ctrinis tradi poterit. Non
enim niſi veritatis dogmata, penitus proban-
tes propria experientia, Domini bonitatem
deprehendere poſſumus. *Basil.* In Psalm. 33.
Accipe quod ſentitur, antequam diſcitur;
nec per moras temporum longa agnitione
colligitur, ſed compendio gratiæ maturantis
hauritur. *Cyprian.* Epift. 1. Non po-tem aliter
affectio

affectione cognosci, quam experimentaliter, ab eo qui per eam afficitur; quam experimentalem affectionis cognitionem, non potest eam habens, in alterum verbis quibuslibet infundere, nisi similiter affectus sit alter ille, Quoniam solus novit (prout in Apocalypsi scribitur) qui accipit. Propterea vocatur Manna absconditum. Exemplis est perspicuum, in illo qui novit dulcedinem mellis solum per doctrinam, sicut Medicus sanus infirmitatis dolorem. Hec autem dulcedo a gustante, hic dolor ab ægrotante, aliter & longè plenius cognoscuntur. *Gerson. de medit. cordis, cap. 4.* Primitiæ Spiritus habentes, quid sit hoc absconditum Manna ignorare non posseunt, quia hoc gustando, potius quam legendo vel audiendo, didicerunt. *Thom. Camp. Ep. 1.*

art, eloquence, or expression of man can teach us. For even in naturall fruits there are certain relishes, and, as I may call them, Idæa's and characters of tastes, which nothing but

the taste it selfe can truly represent and shew unto us. The West-Indian Pi-ney cannot be so expres-
sed in words, even by him that hath tasted it, that he can deliver over the true shape and character of that taste to another that hath not tasted it. And yet have we other fruits, that by some kindred may seeme to counterfeit some lineaments of that taste. But no earthly things can in any degree give us the true taste of the heavenly ; but the heavenly are left to bee knowne by their owne taste.

taste. The Scripture therefore useth earthly things, that by them wee may ascend above them ; and that not finding in earthly things what the heavenly things are, wee may ascend up to the heavenly things themselves, by tasting truly to know them. In one place we are told , That Christ's love is pleasanter than wine ; and in another, That the Lawes of God are pleasanter than honey : Here by the pleasantnesse of wine wee doe not leatne the true shape of the pleasure of Christ's love :

C 2 for

for this is another kind of pleasure , than the pleasantnesse of wine: Neither in the sweetnesse of honey doe wee truly see the sweetnesse of Gods Law; for it is a different kind of sweetnes which the soule tasteth in the Law , and the body tasteth in honey. Yea, the verie Manna it selfe which was visible , doth not give the true taste of the hidden & invisible Manna ; but it is still hidden, except it bee knowne by ^b tasting , as

b Gustate, inquit,
& videte.

Profectò qui sacrosancta divinarum rerum disciplina initiantur, permagnificas ipsarum recognoscent gratias : & excellentissimam celitudinem ac magnitudinem participatio-

ne

ne speculantes, cœlestia Divinitatis beneficia
gratè laudabunt. *Dionys. Areop. Hier. Eccles.*
cap. 3. Quare autem hoc nomen nemo scit ni-
si qui accipit? Videlicet, quia nominis hujus
scientiam, non alienum extrinsecus documen-
tum, sed proprium intrinsecus efficit experi-
mentum. Inflatī & tumidi sciant, ut sibi sci-
re videntur, quantum volunt, sive quantum
possunt, hujus tamen nominis scientiam con-
sequi non possunt: Scriptū est enim; Hæc co-
gitarunt, & erraverunt, excœcavit enim il-
los malitia illorum, & nescierunt sacramenta
Dei. Nemo ergo scit dignitatem, sive inge-
nitatem nominis hujus, quo nominamur, vel
fumus filii Dei, quantumcunque sciat, sive
buccis sonantibus perstrepit (ut ille Aristote-
les, sive omnes Aristotelici) relationem pa-
tris ad filium, sive filii ad patrem, nisi quem
spiritus adoptionis regenerando Filium Dei
Patris efficerit, & ipsa regeneratione, scien-
tem hujus rei, doctrinique suo tactu perse-
rit. *Rupert. in Apoc. cap. 2.*

the new name is not
knowne, but by him that
hath it. Therfore the joy
of the Holy Ghost is in-
C 3 deed

deed unspeakable as well as glorious ; because hee that hath it cannot so expresse it, that another who hath not felt it, may learn and know it. There is a taste in the grace and love of God , which no man can see but by tasting ; and by tasting it may be seen. There is a peace of God , which passeth all understanding ; which though the understanding of him that hath it doe not fully comprehend, yet it doth in some measure apprehend and know the sweetnesse of it by tasting it. But the true knowledge hereof

hereof cannot be delivered over by the greatest Doctor on earth in picture and representation. Therefore the high and heavenly Teacher (by the Psalmist) first calls on us to taste, and after to see, even to get that sight and knowledge which is gotten onely by tasting. By

c Ea quæ
in con-
templati-
one sancti
viri intu-
entur &
gustant,
nec scribi
possunt.

Savanar.

Proem.

Expos. 4.
in orat.

Dom.

Nunquā

aliquis intelliget verba Apostolorum & Prophetarum, quantumcunque illa resonet exterius, si non imbiberit affectum scribentium. Neque enim aliter conceptus eorum verborum in animo generabit. *Gerson. de Theol. Myst.* Innumeræ sunt assertiones talium concordissimè dicentium Theologiam mysticam per experientiam intimam colligi, eam quoq; longè sublimiorem, & ultra quam dici valeat, jocundiorem, sapidiorem, & perspicaciorem existere supra ceteras cogitationes ab extrinseco venientes. *Id. ib.*

C 4 tasting

tasting the things themselves, God teacheth us to know what the things are; and the more wee know them, the more we shall love them; and the more wee love them, the more we shall taste them; and the more wee taste them, the more wee shall know them. And thus shal we run on in an^d endlesse

ā Et tradit prius mensura-tam clari-tatem, po-stea illis sicut gustantibus lumen, & magis desideranti-bus magis seipsum immittit, & abundanter su-perfulget, quoniam dilexerunt multum; & semper extendit ipsas ad anteriora. Dionys. Areop. de Divin. Nom. Lect. 4. Sic quædam circulatio attenditur, dum ex lumine crescit luminis desiderium, & ex desiderio aucto cre-scit lumen. Circulatio autem, secundum suā naturam, perpetua est; & sic semper divinum lumen extendit animas ad anteriora. Aquin. in locum Areop.

circle

circle of tasting, loving,
and knowing, which
growes still greater the
more we round it.

Let it also be observed,
that this knowledge thus
taught of God, doth give
such an assurance of un-
derstanding, concerning
the things thus knowne,
and doth so seale upon
the soule the truth and ex-
cellencie of them, that all
objections, trialls, and
tentations, cannot blot
out the stamp and char-
acter of this seale; but the
soule will still answer,
That against taste there
is no dispute. And with

C 5 the

the Apostles; wee cannot but testifie what we have seene, and knowne by tasting.

There is yet another knowledge taught by God in his heavenly schoole, which though it arise not from the verie taste of spirituall things, yet it ariseth from the soule, having soundly tasted of Gods Spirit, and being thorowly affected with it. When the soule is inwardly bedewed, and (as it were) written upon by the Spirit, there will arise from this writing, and the vertue of this heavenly

venly dew, an unknowne
kind of knowledge, which
cannot be taught by man;
yea & the man himselfe

e Attende
in spiritu-
ali matri-
monio
duo esse
genera

pariendi: & ex hoc etiam diversas soboles,
sed non adversas; cum sanctæ matres aut præ-
dicando animas, aut meditando intelligentias
pariant spirituales. In hoc ultimo genere in-
terdum exceditur, & seceditur etiam à corpo-
reis sensibus, ut sese non sentiat, qui verbum
sensit. *Bern. in Cant. Serm. 85.* Affectus cha-
ritatis Deo indissolubiliter inhærens, & de
vultu ejus omnia judicia sua colligens, ut a-
gat vel disponat exterius, sicut voluntas Dei
bona, & beneplacens, & perfecta dictat ei in-
teriorius, &c. *Idem de Nat. & Dign. Amor. Di-
vin. cap. 8.* Quanquam illi ipsi sancti aliquan-
do inter disputandum aliter locuti sunt, sicut
video omnibus accidisse, ut alii sint dum ver-
bis aut disputationibus intenti sunt, & alii
dum affectibus & operibus. Illuc dicunt ali-
ter quam affecti fuerunt ante; hic, aliter af-
ficiuntur quam dixerunt antea. Ex affectu
vero potius quam ex sermone metiendi sunt
homines, tam pii quam impii. *Luther. de Seru.
Arb. cap. 53.*

that

that knowes it , cannot teach it to himselfe before he knowes it; but rather knowes it first without himself, & then teacheth it to himselfe by this knowing it. The soule being steeped and affected by the Spirit , this affection doth eruct, deliver, and speake to the soul hidden truths, which before shee saw not, nor could see by the meere magisterie of man without, no not of her owne man within. Yea , this teaching of the affection is sometimes so pregnant and powerfull, that though

though the head being captivated by humane reason subject to errour, or by the prejudice of education, doe hold and maintaine an evill tenet, yet the heart shall even then, by the Spirit, endite a good matter, contrarie to that evill errour which the head maintaineth.

And no wonder; for if by the first writing in the heart at the ^f creation (though now much blot-

^f Ethnici
non cre-
dendo

credunt. *Tertull. de Carne Christi, cap. 15.* Magistra natura, anima discipula; quicquid aut illa edocuit, aut ista perdidicit, à Deo traditum est, Magistro scilicet ipsius Magistræ. *Tertull. de Testim-Anime, cap. 5.* Lucretius oblitus quid affereret, & quod dogma defenderet, hos veritus posuit: Cedit item retro de

de terra quod fuit ante In terram : sed quod missum est ex ætheris oris, Id rursus cœli fulgentia templa receptant. Quid ejus non erat dicere, qui perire animas cum corporibus disferebat. Sed vietus est veritate, & imprudenti ratio vera surrepbit. *Lact. Instit. lib. 7. cap. 12.*

ted by the fall) yet there are still some parcells of an inward teaching, contrarie to that which the head or wit of man, misled by outward teaching, doth maintaine : Then much rather in the new-writing of Regeneration may be impressions of truths, which may breathe, break, and speak out when the soule is strongly heated, affected, and animated by the Spirit.

rit. And thus may arise up a new discoverie of truths not known before; yea, perchance contrarie to that which before was thought to bee knowne and accordingly beleaved. And these doctrines of the Spirit in our selves and others, should be carefully noted, and gathered into a treasurie, by all that receive the love of the truth. For even among those that erre, such truths being found, they are precious in themselves ; and withall of undeniable authority against the errors

ab his ego provoco ad hos ; sed ut illa mulier
à Cæsare

g In omni
fere con-
troversia

à Cæsare dormiente ad Cæsarem exper-
etum—Illic veritatem oppugnare illi vo-
luerunt : hic, veritas voluit se ipsa defendere.
Episc. Mort. Apol. part. 1. Lett Cathol. Cum
in quibusdam improbant, quod in aliis appro-
bant, in his accusantur, in illis contra se te-
stimonium dicunt. *Aug. contr. Episc. Parmen.*
lib. 3. cap. 4.

of those, by whom they
were uttered. And indeed
it may bee, the truths
which some inwardly
know and beleieve, may
be imputed to them, ra-
ther than the errours wch
they outwardly recei-
ved, and doe outwardly,
and in a kind of externall
ignorance maintaine. But
howsoever, verie preci-
ous they are wheresoe-
ver they are found; and
verie

verie often oraculous Decisions and Resolutions; and may adde to the stock of knowledge in the lower schooles, who cannot give this knowledge, but may receive it from the higher. For indeed, not so much man doth teach this knowledge as God ; who not onely teacheth man without man, but sometimes more than without him, because against him.

CHAP.

CHAP. V.

*A fourth benefit of the
Heavenly Academie;
Teachng to teach.*

There is yet a fourth excellence of the highest Academie, and it is this; That the Doctor of that Chaire teacheth men best to bee the best Teachers. And this being the scope of most of those that study Divinitie in the lower Academies; for this shoulde they chiefly, though making use of the lower, passe up and ascend to the higher: for

for the higher hath herein divers advantages above the lower.

Toward a generall discoverie hereof, wee may take notice, That Christ Jesus when hee ascended up on high, and received from his Father all power both in Heaven and earth, did undertake the building of his own Church. And for the perfecting of this holy building hee sent downe gifts unto men, by which they were made able and skilfull Builders. And no doubt these are the best & most able Teachers, whom Christ

Ephes.4.
7,8,11,
12.
1 Cor.3.
9,10,&c.

Christ the great Lord of
the building doth enable
to teach, and to build by
teaching. And indeed if
Christ hath enabled that
number, which hee hath
deputed for this building,
how can any man thinke
that hee is a fit and kindly
builder, except hee be of
that number whom

a Tremo
potius

quam dico, ne in immensam abyssū abeat na-
vicula, & desit spiritus. Da enim mihi navim
vacuam, gubernatorem, nautas, funes, anchoras,
omnia disposita, & nusquam esse spiritum
venti, nonne tardat, omnis quantuscunque est
apparatus, si desit operatio Spiritus? Ita fieri so-
let, licet sit sermonis ampla supellex, & mens
profunda, & eloquentia, & intelligentia, & non
adserit Spiritus sanctus, otiosa sunt omnia. *Chrys.*
de Spir. sanct. In Theologicis veritatibus sci-
endis & colligendis, duo genera gratiarum
per Christum agnoscere debemus: unum
quidem quod per merita & gratiam ipsius ha-
buerimus

bucrimus principia nostræ fidei, ex quibus illas veritates colligeremus: alterum, quod ex illis recta ratiocinatione procedentes, mysteria nostræ fidei explicemus, & defendamus, & inde veritates Theologicas ad ædificationem Ecclesie probemus. Et hæc est gratia per Christum, de qua loquitur Paulus ad Ephes. 4. Dedit alios Pastores & Doctores. Hæc autem gratia dicitur à Paulo, donum prophetiarum, 1 Cor. 14. cum appellat Prophetas eos qui mysteria interpretantur. *Vasquez 1.24. Diff. 188. cap. 2.*

Christ hath thus enabled? The gifts which Christ gave, are those that should perfect the Saints, fulfill the worke of the Ministerie, and edifie the body of Christ. Wherefore the Giver of those gifts being gone up on high, let men also lift up their eyes on high for those

Ephes. 4.
12.

those gifts. And as the Disciples stayed in Hierusalem, untill they were endued with the power of teaching from on high: so let men that stay in the lower Academic, in their stay, earnestly seeke to receive a power from on high. Let them not wholly look downward, as if from thence they could receive the gifts that are given from above. Indeed looking downe, they may see the gifts that are come down upon others (though not upon themselves) and they may pick up the crums

ciums that fall from the tables of these Masters : and making up these into loaves, they may give them to the hungry. But it must needs be confess'd, that this is a lower kind of abilitie in teaching, seeing that which lends to this must needs be the higher ; the borrower here also being a servant , and therefore inferiour to the lender. And it seemes, that not so much these, as they that received those gifts from on high, doe build by these. But those that receive gifts from on high, either

either take not all at the second hand, but somewhat at the first; or if they make use of things formerly taught by the gifts of others, they doe (as it were) quicken and enlive them by their owne gift, and so send them forth newly animated by the same Spirit which spake them. Yea, by this Spirit they often make them not onely to live, but to grow to a greater measure of light or heat, by enlarging them unto more instruction, or kindling them unto a more incentive excitation.

But

But if we will yet take a more punctuall notice of the excellencies of this heavenly teaching of Teachers, wee may take a more particular survey of some eminent abilities given with the gifts of the highest Teacher.

A first is, a spirituall and divine alight, given

a *Utr in
Solis ra-*

*diis, tenuiores, limpidioresque substantiae pri-
mæ, influente luce replentur, sicque exupe-
rantem lucem in subsequentes Solis vice
transfundunt: ita non sine periculo divinis
in rebus quibusque, se aliis Duceat præstare
præsumit, qui non per omnia evaserit similli-
mus Deo, & ab inspiratione judicioque divi-
no fuerit gubernator declaratus. Dionys. A-
reop. Eccles. Hier. cap. 3. Sanctis Doctoribus
ea quæ in sacrâ pagina continentur occulta,
primum per divinam gratiam aperiuntur,
quæ postmodum sive per ipsos, sive per alios,
populis manifestè prædicantur. Richar. de*

D

Santlo

Sancto Victore in Apoc. lib. 7. cap. 10. Et nunc
& semper adhibendus sit Spiritus, per quem
solum Deus & intelligitur, & exponitur, &
auditur. *Greg. Naz. apol. Fug.*

2 Cor.
4.6.

commonly in an eminent
and more than ordinarie
measure, to those that are
enabled and taught from
above to bee spirituall
Teachers. God who
commanded light to shine
out of darknesse, shines
in their hearts, to give the
light of the knowledge
of the glorie of God
in the face of Jesus
Christ. They receive
light, that they may
turne others from dark-
nesse to light, and shew
them the way of peace,
which

which by this light they
have discovered. They
have an *urim* from on
high ; and a spirituall
light and sight, by which
they become eyes to the
blind, and a light to them
that sit in darknesse. The
great Shepherd of soules,
and Master of the highest
schoole, doth not send out
from his schoole the
blind to guid the blind,
that both may fall into
the ditch, but hee makes
shining & burning lights,
that they which see them
may not onely rejoyce
in their light, but bee led
by it to the enjoying of

D 2 the

the supreme & soveraigne light, in the vision of whom is perfect blessednesse. And hee that hath this light hath the key of knowledge, by which he can open the mysteries of salvation, and discover the counsells of God, and see the mind of Christ, and find out wonders in Gods Law. He pierceth into the inward veine of the word, and (as it were) lets it bloud, and causeth to spring from it a floud of doctrine: whereas the same word to another that hath not this light, seemes like the Rocke whereof

whereof it was laid; Shall I fetch you water out of this Rock?

And the ^b doctrine flowing from this light of the Spirit, is most fit for spirituall building; *spirituall things being fittest for spiritual, because most connatural; yea, because it flowes from an infused gift (in a spirituall sense) it may be said to be most

* 1 Cor.
2.13.
^b Multò
nobilior
est illa
doctrina,
quæ de
fursūm ex
divina in
fluentia
manat,
quam
quæ labo
riose ac
quiritur

humano ingenio. *Thom. Camp. de Imit. Christ.*
lib.3. cap.30. Item *cap.44.* Ego sum qui doceo hominem scientiam, & clariorem intelligentiam parvulis tribuo, quam ab homine possit doceri. Cui ego loquor, citò sapiens erit, & multum in Spiritu proficiet — Ego sum qui humilem in punto elevo mentem, ut plures æternæ veritatis capiat rationes, quam si decem annis studuisset in scholis.

D 3 ^cnaru-

c Qui
gratiâ
Dei &
charitate
plenus est,
si verba
sua pro-
fert ab il-
la forma,
id est, à
gratia &
charitate
submi-

nistrantur, dicitur loqui à Spiritu Dei, non artificialiter. Sed si careat gratiâ & charitate, & verba justorum in medium proferat, artificiosè dicitur potius loqui quam ex Spiritu Dei. Item, si artifices possent sua artificialia opera facere naturalia, non est dubium quod hoc facerent. Unde vide-
mus quod conantur abscondere artem.—
Oratores & Poetæ, qui artem sequuntur pa-
rum orando prosunt: similiter Prædicatores
qui arte utuntur, nullum fructum faciunt.
Sed Apostoli & alii Prædicatores, qui verba
protulerunt per Spiritum Dei, totum mun-
dum converterunt. Savanar. de Simp. vite,
lib. 3. concl. 1, § 2.

c naturall ; and because
most naturall, most effe-
ctuall.

Secondly, from this
higher Academie comes
that abilitie of teaching,
which teacheth by do-
ing. There is a teaching
by word, and a teaching

by

by conversation; and if this latter be required of women, much more of those men, who are the Teachers and Fishers of men. They that teach by word onely, seeme to build with one hand onely; they that teach by word and example, build with two hands; but they that teach by word, and destroy by example, doe build with one hand, and pull downe with the other. And certainly, if they destroy what they build, they are great trespassers, and foolish builders. St. Paul shewes

1 Pet. 3.1.

D 4 him-

Phil.4.9.

himselfe a wise Master-builder, while hee makes himselfe a patterne of his owne doctrine ; and being a follower of Christ, calls upon his flock to follow him, as hee followes Christ. Hee calls upon them to do, not only what they have heard, but what they have seene in him : and see what followes such teaching, and such learning ; The God of peace shall bee with you.

And this teaching by patterne doth he deliver over to his spirituall posteritie ; for he calls upon

Timothy

Timothy his son (and by him upon his sons sons, even all the sons of *Timothy*) to bee a walking Word, and a visible Doctrine; even a patterne of Beleevers, both in word and conversation.

1 Tim. 4.
12.
2 Tim. 2.2.

True it is, that the people should doe as the Teachers say, and not as they doe, when they say Christ's spirituall words, and doe their owne carnall works. But such is the corruption of fallen man-kind, both in sight and affection, that in sight it rather lookest on outwardly-visible workes,

D 5 than

than inward, invisible, and spirituall words, and in affection it is more apt to follow carnall examples than heavenly rules. And this being a pestilence, wherewith man-kind is apt to bee infected to death, how fearefull is it to bring such a plague into a flock?

But on the contrarie, a holy life joyned to sound doctrine, is a continuall testimony and martyrdome of the doctrine. Such a life commends the doctrine to the beleefe and love of men. It persuadeth a possibilitie, and sheweth

sheweth a facilitie of doing it. What we see done, we thinke may be done, and when wee see a patterne before us, we doe it much the more easily and perfectly. Now that Teachers may bee such patterns of light, inwardly burning, & outwardly shining, let them repaire to the Father of lights ; who from this higher Academic, baptizeth with that fire which not onely kindleth light in the souls of his Messengers , but makes his Ministers a flame of fire. And , if thus kindled from above, with

Acts 11.
24.

with holy *Barnabas*, they
be good men, full of faith
and the Holy Ghost, that
which followed then,
may bee hoped will fol-
low now; Much people
shal be added to the Lord.

Thirdly, the highest
Schoole, and no other,
teacheth the Art of Ex-
perimentall Divinitie,
which being learned, doth
give an excellency and
Crownē to the abilitie of
teaching. There is great
oddes betweene an expe-
rienced, and a meerely-
contemplative Captaine.
And if the great Captaine
of our salvation learned
experi-

experimentall obedience
by the things which hee
suffered, and by his suff-
rings experimentally ta-
sted and knowne, knowes
how to take due notice,
consideration, and com-
passion of those that suf-
fer; how much advan-
tage may we thinke is ad-
ded to his Under-Cap-
taines, by their experi-
ence in the Christian war-
fare? An heavenly Tea-
cher, with St. *Paul*, ha-
ving run the race of Chri-
stianitie, through honour
and dishonour, through
evill and good report; as
unknown, & yet known;

as

2 Cor. 6.
8,9.

as dying, and yet living ;
as sorrowfull, and yet al-
wayes rejoicing ; as ha-
ving nothing, and yet pos-
sessing all things : such an
one (I say) when he meets
with soules in the like e-
states of honour, or dis-
honour , and the other
differences incident to a
Christians life, he can pre-
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storie of it imprinted by
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soule doth but heare the Teacher speaking this language, she is received: yea, when she heares him speake so truely of the griefe, shew believes it is possible, and perchance likely, that there may bee truth in his comforts: yea, it is no small comfort to the distressed soule, by such infallible and evident descriptions, to find and heare one that hath beene in the like distresse wherin shew is now afflited. For one of their greatest terrors ariseth hence, that none was ever in their case; and that
the

the Almighty hath singled them out from all the world, to be the verie marks of his arrowes. Besides, when these men bring consolations for tribulations, they bring sure and sound ones ; for they bring everie one of them with a *Probatum*. They can name the man that was cured by them, and say with the Psalmist ; This poore man cryed unto the Lord, and thus was heard, comforted, and healed. With St. Paul, they comfort others with the verie same consolations where-with

with themselves have
beene comforted of God.
Thus this skill of exper-
imentall Divinitie gives
an advantage of know-
ledge, and not of know-
ledge onely, but of confi-
dence to the Teacher; for
he sayes what he knowes:
and on the other side, it
gives an advantage of
trust and comfort to the
hearer.

But the inexperienced
man, when he comes to a
soule set on the rack of a
tortured conscience, and
there uttering the feare-
full expressions of a terri-
fied mind ; this distressed
soule

soule is a Barbarian to him, and he is a Barbarian to her. She speakes what hee understands not, and he cannot speake to her in a language which she can comfortably understand. But this Teacher is often of the same opinion concerning this troubled soule, which Christ's carnall kinsmen had concerning him ; They sent out to lay hold on him, saying ; Hee is besides himselfe. And no wonder, for they never saw sin in the true ugly shape of it ; they were never upon mount Sinai, neither did they

Mark.3.

they there heare the thunders and lightenings of the Law against sin ; and therefore they are not like *Moses*, who did quake and tremble. Yea, this quaking and trembling is so strange to them, that they aske with wonder of these amazed soules : Why did ye skip as Rams, and tremble as little Lambs ? To whom it may bee answered : It was at the presence of God on Sinai.

Againe, on the other side, when the time is come, wherein God calls out ; Comfort yee, comfort

fort yee my people: there is no balme in their Gilead, there is no oyle of joy in their lamps: they have not had the fore-going tribulations, nor the following consolations: Therefore if they would give consolations, they must bee borrowed ones (like the axe of the the young Prophet) and not the verie same by which themselves have beene comforted of God. Yea, commonly for want of experience, they know not the Crisis of a soule, nor when the soule is vp-on a turne, and is come to the

the season of receiving consolation. They know not the houre of our Saviour, when hee is ready to turne the water of tears into the wine of consolation. And therefore such an one often misplaceth his spirituall phyfick, and gives restoratives to a soule not thorowly purged from the love of sin, or while the fit is upon the soule; when it were more fit to weepe with them that either doe, or should weepe ; and by that agreement in weeeping, to draw the mourning soule to a second agree-

agreement, even to rejoice with him that joyceth. For this is the wisedome of a Teacher, experimentally taught from above; and this wisedome is justified, and in high estimation with all her children.

Fourthly, from the heavenly schoole descends a mightie, active, and maine advancement of teaching, and that is, a storge, or naturall affection, given to a Teacher. There is a gift of love infused by God into the heart of a Teacher, by which hee is taught of God

2 Cor. xi.
23, &c.

God to love his Flock ;
and this love influmeth,
constraineth , and teach-
eth him to teach. In St.
Paul we see deep impres-
sions, and powerfull ex-
pressions of this love :
yea, we see him as a man
all on fire with this love ;
so that for the love of
soules , wearinesse and
watching , hunger and
thirst, cold and nakednes,
perils and persecutions,
are all but as stubble in
his way ; and the fire of
love, w^{ch} hath eaten him
up , consumes them also,
and turnes them into no-
thing. He feeds his sheep
some-

sometimes at his owne
costs, and with an holy
symony buyes the work
of his owne ministerie,
and straines for an argu-
ment to approve it. For
whereas hee might call
himselfe a Labourer, and
so might plead for the
wages due to his worke,
hee calls himselfe a Fa-
ther, that thence hee may
fetch a reason of provi-
ding for his children.
Yea, he doth not expresse
his love onely under this
title of a Father, (though
that character being well
stamped on a Pastor, with
the affections belonging

2 Cor. 12.

14.

E to

1 Cor. 3.
1,2.
Hebr. 5.
11,12.
1 Thessl. 2.
7,8.

to it, would make him affectively and industriously carefull for the good of the flock) but he descends into the lownesse, and (as it were) the fondnesse of a Nurse: He softly handles and dandles, as a Nurse her children, and speakes halfe-words, low doctrines to them, when he sees they are not gone beyond milk, nor come to the digestion of stronger meat. Yea, hee is so fervently affectionate to them, that hee is willing to have imparted to them, not the Gospel of God onely, but his owne soule.

soule. And hee addes the reason ; Because they were deare unto him. Hence we learn, That it is the dearnesse of the flock, which is the maine spring that sets all on working. This is it which imparts the Gospel willingly, and not for constraint and lucre : This is it that makes a Teacher instant in season, and out of season : Briefly this is it which makes him with pleasure to undergoe all labours, even from the watching of one hour, to the imparting of his soule or life. So that if you exhort

a Pastor to visit the sick, you exhort him but to one dutie; if you incite him also to comfort the weake-hearted, you invite him but to two; but if you could give him love, you give him a Spring and Incentive, that would move him to these, and all other good duties. And this love is taught by the highest Teacher: for hee is Love in the Fountaine, and all Love besides himselfe, is a stremme of this Fountaine.

But on the other side, where this Love is wanting,

ting, duties are not done at all, or they are done by pieces and starts ; or they are done dully and coldly, and the doers of them are like the wheeles of *Pharaobs* chariots in the the red sea , they move verie heavily. The fire of love is out, by which being enflamed themselves , they should impart heat unto others; and the zeale is wanting, by which they should provoke many. They have not in them the affections of Fathers, and therefore their flocks appeare to them in the shape of

E 3 bastards,

bastards, and not of sons. Accordingly they often set them our, as some doe their base children to wanderers, and such as will take them best cheap: or if they give them any food, their hearts goe not with it, neither doe they care whether it doe them good, or they doe grow and prosper by it. And though perchance one of these may act the part of a Lover, yet commonly it will shew like an artificiall Scene; that only being for the most part proportionable, durable, and serious, which is naturall.

There-

Therefore take such an one as *Timothy*, that naturally (and not artificially) cares for the Church, and there is no artificiall man that is like minded to him : for he takes care not only for some pieces, but for the whole estate of the Church. And hee works not pieces of Gods worke, but the whole work of the Lord; yea, hee works it, as St. *Paul* did; and how hee did it, wee have seene before. And if you will see the root of it, looke into his inside, and there you shall see the bowells of

Phil. 2.
19, 20.

1 Cor. 16.
10.

Phil. 1.3.

E 4 Christ

Phil.1.8.

Christ Jesus. The bowells of Christ Jesus, that often would have gathered Jerusalem, as a hen gathereth her chicken: the bowells of Christ Jesus, that accounted the gaine of soules to be his meat and drink: the bowells of Christ Jesus, that have in them the greatest love to the flocke: for greater love hath no man, than he that layeth down his life for his flocke. These bowells are in St. Paul: and therefore no wonder, if having received the bowells of Christ, by the spirit of Christ,

Christ, hee walke in the steps of Christ, while he walketh by the same spirit of Christ.

Behold then here the most excellent way, even the way of love, which teacheth the Teacher, & directs him into all the wayes of profiting his flock. And this teaching love is it selfe taught by the highest Teacher, whose name, and nature, & verie being is love; and by whom men are taught to love one another; He it was, that did put an earnest care of the Church into the heart of *Titus*; &

E 5 there-

^t Joh. 4.
16.

1 Thess.
4.9.

2 Cor. 8.
16.
2 Cor. 7.
15.

therefore hee it was also, that did put the bowells of love into him , from which issued this care. And if thou hast the same bowells, thy flocke will be thy children, and thou wilt be a father to them: in their reigning , thou shalt reigne ; they will be thy joy and thy crowne now, and thy great rejoicing hereafter in the day of the Lord Jesus. Thou shalt come to him , and say ; Behold , I and the children whom thou hast given me. And hee shall say to thee; Well done, good and faithfull servant,

vant, because thou hast fed, and loved these my lambs, thou hast loved me; and because thou hast gained many, rule thou over many Cities.

CHAP. VI.

Wayes and meanes of admittance into the heavenly Academie, and taking degrees in it.

BY that which hath been said it appeares, that there is a higher Academie as well as a lower; and that the higher hath some excellencies above the lower. True it is,

is, that though there be a difference, yet there must not necessarily follow a division: yea, much rather there should follow a conjunction; and hee that is in the lower, should strive to bee in both at once. And indeed this is a maine busynesse of this worke, to joyne things which God hath not separated; and not to diminish, but to advance the lower, by lifting it up to the higher.

Now to ascend from the lower to the higher, there are certaine staires and steps, by which men usually

usually goe up, and become Disciples and Pupils of the heavenly Teacher. A first step is that which should ever bee first in intention, though last in affection; A right end. When wee come to God to bee taught, we must propose an end worthy of God ; And surely none but God is an end worthy of God. A most perverse and base disorder it were, to make man the end of God ; and much more confused and disorderly were it, to make God to serve man, in his service of some base lust :

lust: for then may he not only say, Thou hast made me to serve with thy sins; but, thou hast made me to serve thy sins. Thou putteth God below thy sins, and putteth thy sins to be thy gods. And how canst thou expect that God should by his teaching give thee an excellency above others, when thou by his owne gifts doest intend to put, either his creature which hee hath made, or sin which hee made not, above him; and him infinitely below himselfe. Wherefore let not ambition make a worldly

a worldly pomp (which thou hast renounced in thy Baptisme) nor the pride of life , and outward preferment, thy end; but account and propose God himselfe before thee, as thy highest preferment, exceeding great reward, and all-sufficient end. Neither make earth the end of Heaven , nor put the god Mammon in the place of the true God, neither seeke the gifts of his Spirit , that thou mayest make money of them. This is a right, and withall a most base symony, and therefore prepare

a Non cogito in Ecclesiasticis honoribus ventosa tempora transigere ; sed cogito me Principi Pastorum omnium rationem de commissis ovi- bus redditurum.
Aug. Epist. 203.

pare thy selfe to receive
the answer which was
made unto *Simon* thy fa-
ther ; Thou art in the
gall of bitternes , and
bond of iniquitie ; and
thou art verie unfit for a
part and fellowship a-
mong the Disciples of
the heavenly Teacher.
Know that this high A-
cademie is not a place for
Prentices, thereinto learn
a trade and occupation
for worldly gaine ; but
the Teacher being the
King of Heaven, hee tea-
cheth his Schollers to be
Kings ; even first to seek,
and at last to attaine an
heavenly

heavenly Kingdom. And earthly things are promised to be given as attendants upon this heavenly Kingdome. Therefore as as the Heaven is high above the earth, so let it be in thy thought and intention: make God thy end, who makes Heaven by his presence to be Heaven. Desire his gifts, to glorifie the Giver by thē here, and to be glorified by him hereafter eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. But if thou make earth thy heaven, and this world thy god; this false heaven, and false god after

ter a while will forsake thee , and the true Heaven , and true G O D , whom thou hast despised, will not receive thee. In the meane time expect no gift from God, except such as the Quailes, which perchance may bring some food to thy lust, but leanness and judgement to thy soule. If with *Balaam*, thou lookest out for prophecies , that by them thou mightst gaine the wages of unrighteousnesse, though thou fall into a trance, and art enlightened, to make others see by thy light ; yet thou

thou thy selfe art still a
child of darknesse, and by
thy light encreasest thy
owne stripes; and being
in the way of *Balaam*, art
likely to come to his
wayes end, even a death
among the unrighteous.

Yea, seeke not the gifts
themselves for them-
selves, neither make them
their owne end. It is a
pleasant thing for the
eye of the body to be-
hold the light of the Sun;
but to behold a spirituall
light, which shineth from
the highest light, is farre
more pleasant to a spirit:
yet must a reasonable spi-
rit

rit know, that to behold the highest Spirit him-selfe, is the highest pleasure; and therefore these lower gifts of the Spirit are far more valuable, for shewing us by their light the way to the sight of the highest Spirit, than for the light it selfe by which they shew it.

Wherefore it remaines still, that God be proposed as the end of his gifts, whereof hee is the beginning. God was his owne end in the giving of them, and it is both thy dutie, wisedome, and benefit, to have the same end which he

he hath. If thou joyne with God in his end, it is most likely he will joyne with thee in the meanes, and in the increase of them toward his owne end. For God will not be wanting to his owne end, which were to bee wanting to himselfe. Therefore enlarge thy selfe as much as thou canst, in this intention of making God thy end, wherein the more thou increasest, the more it is likely he will increase his teaching of thee, and the degrees of his gifts in thee. And according to thy

thy degrees of grace, shall
be thy degrees in glorie:
as thou hast sought him
much in the gifts of his
grace, so by them shalt
thou find him much here,
and much enjoy him
hereafter in glorie.

CHAP. VII.

*A second step: Deniall of
mans wit and wisedome.*

HE that will ascend
up to the heavenly
Schoole, there to bee
taught of God, must leave
mans carnall wit and
wisedome behind him, as
Abraham left his Asses at
the

the foot of the mount. The wisedome of man, saith St. Paul, is foolishnesse before God ; and the naturall man discer- nerth not the things of God : therefore if thou endevourest by thy naturall wit to discerne the things of God , thy labor is employed rather not to discerne them : thou mayest perchance conceive , and after per- ceive, baftard, mis-begot- ten , and false shapes of them ; but the things themselves, in their true shapes, thou doest not see and perceive. The car- nall

nall wit seeth the shapes
which it selfe puts upon
spirituall things, and not
what they themselves do
beare, and indeed appeare
in, to a spirituall eye.
And surely if mans wit
see, and by seeing teach it
selfe truly the things of
God, what need were
there of an heavenly Tea-
cher? But because thou
art naturally blind to the
things of God, and they
are onely spiritually to
bee discerned, therefore
must thou goe up to a
spirit, to give thee a spi-
rituall eye-sight, that so
thou mayest spiritually
discerne

discernethem. And when thou goest up , to get a spirituall mind of the great Father of Spirits, remember to put off thy carnall wit and wisdome, which must be stript off before thou canst put on the other. The keeping of thy naturall and carnall wit, is the keeping of thy folly ; and this folly will cast her owne colour on the things of God, and make them seeme folly to thee , or onely wise in that colour which that casts upon them. And this is a reason why the greatest wits doe stumble

F so

so often at the wisedome
of God, upon which they
behold the shape of folly,
of their owne setting on ;
and why they fall into er-
rors, thinking to mend
Gods wisedome by their
wits ; and why them-
selves, though professing
themselves wise , yet re-
maine fooles ; even be-
cause they think and pro-
fesse themselves to bee
wise . While they think
their owne wits to be fit
instruments for the dis-
cerning of Gods wise-
dome , they not finding
his wisedome to be wise-
dome by their wits , they
censure

ceasure it to bee folly ;
and therefore goe about
to correct it, which is in-
deed to pervert it. In the
meane time it is the grea-
test folly, which puts the
shape and title of folly
upon the greatest wisedome,
and goes about to amend wisedome with
folly. And thus are these
wise men taken in their
owne wisedome ; for
their owne wisedome be-
comes a snare to them,
and makes them first, and
after takes them as fooles.
Yea, miserie and folly are
met together in them, and
that in a highest degree,

F 2 while

while they see not, but censure and reject the most wise mysteries of God, which offer and present to them salvation, and eternall felicitie.

Therefore let the heavenly Scholler put off his owne earthly and carnall wisedome, and goe up to God for a new Principle, even a new mind, by which hee may truly see and know the things of God. The new world of Divinitie must be begun in a man, as God began the old world, it must have nothing for a foundation; and when man is

is nothing in himselfe, then God will begin to create, and make him something. This is that which St. *Paul* saith: Let him bee a foole, that hee may be wise. For indeed, that which thou thinkest to be thy wisedome, thou must put off, and make it vanish into nothing, being a foole in regard of that wisedome; and so thou shalt be made wise in the true wisedome. But this is not perfected at once. Therefore, as at thy first entrance into the heavenly Academic, thou must begin a deniall, and anni-

F 3 hilation.

hilation of thy owne wit
and wisedome, so after
thou art entred, thou must
strive to continue and in-
crease this deniall : for
though thou doe in will
and purpose put it off, and
deny it wholly at first ;
yet in act it is not wholly
put off, it being part of the
remaining body of sin, which hangeth so fast on,
that it cannot wholly bee
put off, untill man be dis-
solved. But thou must
strive to get ground of it
while thou livest ; and the
greater thy naturall wit
is, the more must thou
strive. For the greater it
is,

is, the more apt will it be
to see reasons by it selfe,
and without Gods teach-
ing, which will fall out
too often to bee reasons
against Gods reasons, and
wit against Gods wise-
dome. And the admission
of humane wit, against
Gods wisedome, by some
great wits, (that per-
chance first in purpose or
profession submitted to
the wisedome of God)
hath beeene the cause of
many dangerous errours
in the Church. I say, A
mixture of mans wit with
the Divine Word, hath
bred Mules in Divinitie,

F 4 even

even confused, foolish, and mishapen errors. But let the learner in this high Academie lay aside his own sight, which is blindness, and get from his Teacher that eye-salve, which may give him spirituall discerning. Let him keep his wit in a perpetuall captivitie, and passiveness to the Spirit of God; and beware that by no meanes hee make that portion of Spirit which is in him, to suffer under the activitie of his owne carnall wit. But having received an eye from God, let him see Gods

Gods matters with Gods
eye, and so shall hee keep
himselfe safe from error,
and shall bee led into the
truth. For a mind given
of God, doth approve
onely the truth of God.
And though in this life of
imperfection, no man
have so much spirituall
light, as to discerne all
truth; yet the spiritu-
all light, which every spi-
rituall man that is taught
of God receiveth, is suf-
ficient for the discoverie,
or discerning of so much
truth, as may lead him
like a stremme to the O-
cean and fulnesse of truth.

F 5 and

and blessednesse. And for a preparation toward this fulnesse, let him work out, and endevour to perfect his owne emptinesse: for the more degrees hee gaines of this emptinesse, the more degrees shall he receive of Gods fulnesse; even of his teaching grace here, and his crowning grace for ever hereafter.

CHAP. VIII.

*A third step: Conformatie
to God.*

Likenesse drawes love, and love causeth a communi-

communication of coun-
sells : yea, love it selfe is a
likenesse to him who is
Love, and thus love from
love drawes a partaking
of secrets: when the heart
and wayes of man are a
greeable to Gods heart,
then the heart of God is
(as it were) great with that
affection which longs to
communicate. Shall I
hide the thing that I doe
from *Abraham* (saith the
Lord) seeing *Abraham*
both keepes the wayes of
the Lord, and will teach
his children to keep it?
The Psalmist also profes-
seth, that hee got many
degrees

a In quantum ad
puritatem
conscien-
tiæ perve-
nit, quan-
tumcun-
que vo-
luntatem
suam mor-
tificando
animæ
conjunc-
xit, seque
vnū cum
Deo fecit,
in tantum
spiritualia
cognoscit,
& Dei vo-
luntatem
intelligit.
*Rich. de
Sant. Vida
in Cantic.
cap. 7.*

degrees of wisedome, by his walking with God in the Lawes of God, even by the conformitie of his heart and wayes to the heart and will of God. Thereby (saith hee) I am wiser than mine enemies, wiser than old men ; yea, wiser than my Teachers. No doubt he had obtained his prayer of God ; Lighten mine eyes, and I shall see wonderfull things in thy Law.

And as likenesse is it selfe a reason, that moves God to be thy Teacher, so it carries with it a second reason : Where is likenesse

likenesse and conformitie
to God, there is also a
covenant with God:
where the Law of God is
so written in the heart,
that by this writing the
heart is framed accord-
ing to Gods heart,
there is covenant be-
tweene God that wrote
this Law, and him in
in whom it is written.
God is; his ^b Father and
Teacher, and he is Gods
Son and Disciple. Hec
saith plainly, thou art his
son, and hee saith truely,

docibiles Dei erunt, non ab hominibus audi-
ent; Et si ab hominibus audiunt, tamen quod
intelligunt, intus datur, intus coruscat, intus
revelatur. Aug. in Joan. 6, Tract. 26.

(his

Jerem. 31.
33,34.

b Pater
vos non
docuit,
quo modo
potestis
me agno-
scere? o-
mnes re-
gni illius
homines

Gal.4.7,
24.
Esa.54.
13.
Joh.6.45.

Psal.25.
14.

(his promises are Yea & Amen) that thou art his Disciple, for he promiseth, that thou shalt be taught of God. And David upon triall, acknowledgeth the truth of this teaching, when hee saith ; The secret of the Lord is with them that feare him ; and his covenant, to make them to know it. Hee hath not onely made a covenant with them, but hee makes them to know it ; he doth both give it, and teach it.

Thirdly, there is a friendship between those that are conformed unto God,

God, and God to whom they are conformed. *A-braham*, the father of the faithfull, was called the friend of God; and the faithfull children of *A-braham* are also called his friends. God is no complementer, and therefore if hee allow them the terme, hee allowes them also the truth of this friendship. Yee are my friends (saith our Saviour) if yee doe whatsoeuer I command you. Now wee know that a friend will tell a friend his counsells. So saith our Saviour, Because yee are my

Joh. 15.
15.

my friends, therefore
whatsoever I have heard
of the Father, I make
knowne unto you.

Fourthly, there is a
marriage between Christ
and his Church, the
Church in this marriage
is one spirit with him, as
in naturall marriages two
are one flesh. And if
there be such a marriage,
there is also a marriage-
love betweene them.
Now marriage-love doth
communicate counsells:
and it is so hard, if not im-
possible, for marriage-
love to deny such a com-
munication, that the wo-
man

man who could onely
make her challenge upon
a counterfeit shape of
marriage, yet thinks it fit
to object this question :
How canst thou say that
thou lovest me, whenth thy
heart is not with mee ?
And why is not his heart
with her ; Because hee
doth not tell her his
counsell's ? even such
counsell's, as being told,
may endanger his libertie
and life. But Christ, the
best husband, having gi-
ven his life for his
Spouse, and himselfe to
his Spouse in a sacred
union, how shall hee not
with

with his life and himselfe
give her his counsells al-
so? It is his owne word:
If the wives be ignorant
or doubtfull, let them
aske their husbands.
Herein hee implyeth,
That if the wives doe ask
their husbands, they be-
ing asked should be wil-
ling to teach their wives.
Surely, if Christ require
this willingnesse to teach
in lower and meaner hus-
bands, whose knowledge,
yea whose love cannot be
here in perfection, will
not this husband, who is
light it selfe and love it
selfe, teach his owne wife

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by this most perfect light, and from this most perfect love? Yea certainly, in the bed of love he will not onely tell her the words of his counsells; but by a sacred unitio[n] (being one spirit with her) hee will make her to see the counsells of his words: hee will give her an inward and spiruall eye, to see the inward riches and realities of his counsells. So that whereas the world cannot see the wisedome of God, and the precious things contained in it, for the mysterie; the Spouse
by

¹ Joh. 2.
20, 27.

Ephes. I.
18, 19.

by this new light, looking within the veile of the mysterie, shall see the wisedome of God, and most excellent treasures contained in it, presented and offered by it.

Wherefore that God in Christ may bee thy Teacher, study this conformitie to God, which by likenesse, by covenant, by friendship, by marriage-love, may draw him to teach thee: And first put off the old man, corrupt with deceivable lusts, which cause in thee a deformitie, yea, an enmitie against God. The uncir-

uncircumcision of the flesh hath in it a contrarietie to God and his wise-dome, and makes thee adverse to Gods teaching, and God unwilling to teach thee. It is also a veile upon the eye of thy soule, & hides thy sight from his light, & his light from thy sight. And untill a spirituall eircumcisiōn doe take off this veile, thou art in the schoole of the Prince of darknesse, and art not yet teachable by the Father of lights. But if this veile of the old man be first removed by mortification, & thou shalt

shalt in the second place
put on the new man,
wherein is the image of
God (light agreeable to
his light, and a love of him
who is Love, and of that
which he loves) then
God will delight in thee,
as a father in the son that
resembles him; and as a
father his son, he will de-
light to teach and nurture
thee. If thou keep this
image cleare, that God
may see his face in it, he
will therein also see his
covenant, and seeing his
covenant, he will take
thee for his friend, yea,
for his spouse; and by all
these,

these, as by so many cords of love, hee will be drawne to teach thee. Being thus pure in heart, thou shalt see God: thou shalt see him here guiding and teaching thee, and hereafter in presentiall vision eternally blessing thee.

CHAP. IX.

A fourth step: Conversing with God, and diligent comming to his Schoole.

HE that will bee taught of God,must come

a Deus
Trinitas,
Pater, &
Filius, &
Spiritus
sanctus
veniunt
ad nos,
dum veni-
mus ad
eos. Veni-
unt subve-
niendo,
venimus
obedien-
do; veni-
unt illu-
minando,
venimus
intuendo;
veniunt
implendo,
venimus
capiendo,
ut sit no-

bis non extraria visio sed interna: & in no-
bis eorum non transitoria mansio, sed aeterna.
Aug. in Joan. Tract. 76.

come ^a diligently to his
Teacher, and meet him,
where & when he useth to
teach. Now he teacheth
both publikely in the
great Assemblies, and pri-
vately in the little Tem-
ples and Sanctuaries. In
the great Congregation
his Spirit meets thee in
the ministerie of the
Word, and in the seales
of that Word, and offers
to write that Word in
thy heart; so that thou
mayst see it plainly to be
the wisedome of God,
and mayst see in it the

wonder-

wonderfull things of God. Thou shalt see in the Word, the mysteries which hee teacheth thee ; yea, thine eyes in it shall see ^b the Teacher himselfe ; for therein shalt Gal.3.1.
 b Sermo
 nem con-
 stituens
 vivificato-
 rem, quia
 spiritus &
 vita sermo, cundem etiam carnem suam di-
 xit ; quia & sermo caro erat factus ; proinde in causam vitæ appetendus , & devorandus auditur, & ruminandus intellectu, & fide di-
 gerendus. *Tertull. de Resurrect. carn. cap. 37.*
Quibus tantum manifesta facta est passio e-
jus me prædicante, ut eum ante oculos v-
estros pendere putaretis. Primas. in Gal. 3. Hoc
 quod modo loquimur carnes sunt verbi Dei,
 &c. Ubi enim mysticus Sermo, ubi dogmati-
 cus & Trinitatis fide repletus profertur ac so-
 lidus, &c. haec omnia carnes sunt verbi Dei.
Origen. Homil. in Num. 23. Illuxit ergo in
 cordibus nostris, ut & nos luceamus vobis, ad
 hoc ut percipiatis illuminationem scientiæ
 claritatis Dei, in facie, id est, cognitione Jesu
 Christi; quia per faciem unusquisque cognoscitur. *Anselm. in 2 Cor. 4.7. VII.*

G thou

thou see Christ lively
set forth, and offering
his flesh, his humani-
tie, yea himselfe, both
God and man, unto thee.
Such sights mayst thou
see in this great Schoole
of God, being enlighte-
ned and taught by his
Spirit, which Spirit is a
companion of the Word,
by the vertue of the New
Covenant ; and by this
Covenant we may claime
and expect it from God.
Therefore is the New
Covenant called, The
Ministerie of the Spirit, in
an excellencie above the
Law, which was called,
The

The Ministerie of the Letter. And it is such indeed as it is called: for while St. Peter taught the word to *Cornelius* and his friends, the Spirit accompanied the Word, and fell on them that heard it. St. Paul also calls up the experience of the Galatians for a witnessse of this truth; Received yee the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by the hearing of Faith preached? And indeed if this truth thus covenanted by God, and actually made good by him, were accordingly beleevered, re-

Gal. 3.

G 2 sted

sted on, thirsted after, and expected, God should bee more often heard speaking spirit and life with his Word, in the inward eare; and the Word should not dye so often in the outward eare, or carnall heart for want of this Spirit. It is an unvaluable losse, that men doe so much divide the outward Teacher from the inward, & rest on the former, without respect to the latter. Whereas when wee goe to the outward Teacher, which is man, wee should set our eyes and hearts chiefly on the inward

inward Teacher, which
is God: wee should chal-
lenge him upon his cove-
nant and promise, saying
and praying; Remember
thy promise to thy ser-
vant, wherein thou hast
made him to hope. And
therefore speake Lord,
that thy servant may
heare; for without thy
speaking, thy servant
cannot heare. Hee may
heare the outward sound
of the Word in his eare:

c Possunt
quidem
verba fo-
nare, sed
spiritum
non con-

ferunt: pulcherrimē dicunt, sed te tacente
cor non accendent. Literas tradunt, sed tu
sensum aperis. Mysteria proferunt, sed tu re-
feras intellectum signatorum. Mandata edi-
cunt, sed tu juvas ad perficiendum. Thom-
Camp. De Imit. Christ. lib. 3. cap. 2.

Deut. 29.
1, 2, 3.

Esa. 42.
19, 20.

but he cannot heare the inward sense and power in his heart. The outward Israel had seene the great wonders of God upon Ægypt, they heard the thunders on mount Sinai ; yet neither did they see those wonders, nor heare those thunders. And *Moses* tells them how it came to passe, when hee faith ; The Lord hath not given you eyes to see, and eares to heare untill this day. They thought their own eyes sufficient to see, and their own eares to heare; and resting in this insufficient

cient sufficiencie, God left them to it ; and so they did neither see nor heare : for Gods works, wonders, and voyce, can onely kindly and truely bee seene and heard, by eyes and eares given of God from Heaven.

Know therefore thy owne insufficiencie, yea, the insufficiencie of the best Teacher in the world (for who is sufficient for these things ?) to teach thee inwardly, what hee teacheth thee outwardly ; and know that the sufficiencie of inward teaching comes onely from God.

G 4 There-

2 Cor. 2.

16.

2 Cor. 3.

5, 6.

Therefore while thy outward eare expects the outward word of the outward Teacher, let thy inward eare expect the inward teaching of the inward and highest Teacher. For ^dthus only may the planting, though of *Paul* himselfe; and the watering, though of *Apollos*, be made something, even when God gives an increase, which quid? Ne fortè det illi Deus resipiscere; ut si quid fiat, ad Dominum cuncta referantur. Tu plantas, tu rigas, Ille seminat, & fructus parere facit, atque ad Incrementum perducit: Nunquam igitur ita simus affecti, ac si ipsi cuiquam persuaserimus, etiamsi ille nobis obaudiat; sed ad Deum referamus omnia.

Chrysost. in 2 Tim. 2.

*1 Cor. 3.
6,7.*
d Intuere
quam
cautè il-
lum de se
humilia
sentire
moneat.
Non ait,
Ne forte
possis: sed
quid? Ne fortè det illi Deus resipiscere; ut si quid fiat, ad Dominum cuncta referantur. Tu plantas, tu rigas, Ille seminat, & fructus parere facit, atque ad Incrementum perducit: Nunquam igitur ita simus affecti, ac si ipsi cuiquam persuaserimus, etiamsi ille nobis obaudiat; sed ad Deum referamus omnia.

Chrysost. in 2 Tim. 2.

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otherwise are nothing.
And being thus inwardly
taught to profit and in-
crease, thou art taught ac-
cording to the New Co-
venant; for thou art
taught of God. Come
therefore diligently to
this schoole of his, where
hee useth thus to teach,
believe his Covenant, and
take it by believing.

And secondly, That
thou mayest the better
believe and take it, hee
hath given thee seales of
the New Covenant, by
which the New Cove-
nant is presented unto
thy faith, sealed and con-
firmed.

firmed. By this confirmation and sealing, thy faith should be increased, and by the increase of thy faith, thy union with Christ Jesus, the Mediator of the New Covenant, will bee increased; and by the increase of this Union there will bee an increase of the Spirit (the promise of the New Covenant) which knoweth the things of God, and which will shew them more unto thee, the more it is in thee. When thou wast baptized into Christ, thou didst put on Christ; and when thou eatest

eatest the spirituall meat,
and drinke in the Eucharist,
thou doest put him on
more and more. Thy be-
ing in Christ, even thy
new being, which thou
receivedst before, thou
doest now feed and nou-
rish, and bring forth into
manhood. And as thou
growest into manhood,
thou knowest by the A-
postles reason, thou art
enabled to grow in know-
ledge, to be more skilfull
in the word of righteoun-
ess, better to discerne
good & evill, & to digest
the stronger meat of di-
vine

Heb.5:13,
&c.

Ephes.4.
14.

vine mysteries. As wee grow up in our stature in Christ Jesus toward a perfect man, we leave our childish knowledge behind, and grow up to him in all things (& therefore in knowledge) which is the head, even Christ. The head is Wisedome it selfe, and they that grow in him growg n wisdome, and still reke higher degrees in the heavenly Schoole, under this highest and most heavenly Teacher.

Thirdly, seeing God teacheth thee by his Spirit, and he is the Giver of the

the Spirit, by which hee
teacheth thee ; goe to
the Giver himselfe for
this gift. Goe to him by
prayer, and goe to him
publikely in the house of
prayer, and there joyne
with the Church in pray-
er, for the Spirit which
hee hath promised to his
Church. The uniting of
many hearts and voyces
in one petition, makes it
the stronger and more
powerfull with God.
And it may well be, that
when thou joynest with
the Congregation in
prayer, thou mayst joyne
with some, who shall not
only

only double the strength of thy prayer, by an equal strength of Spirit added to thine, but by a double portion of Spirit, exceeding thine. And so by this joyning of stocks in publike prayer, thou mayest bee a double gainer, both while thou art a partaker of many prayers, and while thou art partaker of some more powerful than thine own. And indeed Christ would not have spoken of two or three gathered together in his Name, except there had beeene some benefit and advantage in this gathering.

gathering together, and in two or three above one. Therefore let us especially expect him as he hath promised, to be present where two or three are gathered together. Now wee know that Christ is present with his Church by his Spirit, even that Comforter which leadeth into all truth. And accordingly wee find, that when the Church was united in prayer, they were filled with the Holy Ghost. And because Christ is present with his Church by this Spirit, to the end of

Acts 4.31.

of the world, illuminating and teaching both Pastours and people ; our Church prayeth for the Pastours , That God would illuminate them with true understanding and knowledge of his Word : and for the people , That God, who taught the hearts of faithfull people, by the light of the Holy Spirit, may give us by the same Spirit, to have a right judgement in all things. Joyne then with the Church, in the offering up, and receiving downe of such petitions; and doe not by dividing thy

thy selfe from the off-
ring, divide thy selfe also
from the receiving. But
for so precious a gift as
the Spirit, make thy pray-
er as powerfull as thou
canst; and more power-
full mayst thou make it,
if thou get more power
joyned together by a
Communion of Saints.

Seeke God also by pri-
vate prayer for this gift
of the Spirit, which
Christ himselfe hath
taught, yea proved by
undeniable arguments,
that God will give to
them that aske it. And
the experimentall truth
of

Luk.II.
13.

e Oremus
Dominū,
—ut in
Spiritu
Sancto
conside-
rantes
quæ per

Spiritum scripta sunt, & spiritualibus spiritualia comparantes, dignè Deo, & Sancto Spiritui qui hæc inspiravit quæ scripta sunt, explice-
mus. *Orig. sup. Numer. Homil. 16.* Et nunc &
semper adhibendus sit Spiritus, per quem so-
lum Deus & intelligitur, & exponitur, &
auditur. *Greg Naz. Orat. 21.* Assit Domi-
nus; assit & viribus & mentibus nostris. *Aug.*
in Psal. 147. At tu votis & precibus tibi ante
omnia lucis portas aperiri opta. Neque enim
ab aliquibus perspiciuntur atque intelligun-
tur, praterquam si cui Deus & Christus ejus
concesserint intelligentiam. *Justin. Mart.*
Dial. cum Trypb.

that

that the Fathers in their Homilies and Expositi-
ons, doe often interrupt
their preaching with
praying; and in prayer
seeke to bee enabled by
the Spirit for preaching.
But come to God with
faith; for the promise
runs thus, That whatsoe-
ver we aske beleeving, we
shall receive: Come also
with fervencie; for Christ
hath taught us, That what
friendship cannot doe, yet
importunitie may ob-
taine: And it hath beene
tried by the Canaanitish
woman, and many others
since her time, That
where

Matth.
22.22.

Luk. 11.3.

where a denial will not be taken for an answer, there the answer hath been turned into grant. And the more to encourage us to importunitie, for the obtaining of this grant of the Spirit, let us take notice first, That God doth chiefly like those prayers that are made for the Spirit. God is a Spirit, and as, because hee is a Spirit, hee likes best that worship, and those prayers, which are made by the Spirit, so doth he highly love those Prayers which pray for the Spirit, by which such agreeable and accep-

acceptable prayers are made. Secondly, God hath abundance of Spirit, and this abundance and fulnesse of Spirit hath he delivered over to his son Christ Jesus, whose humanitie is *über Deitatis*, The Brest of the Deitie. And as wee all must receive from the fulnesse of this Brest, so this Brest being full, is most apt to give, and therefore most willing to meet with those, that are most desirous, and thirstie to receive. It delights to bee drawne, yea, to be pressed by importunitie, and is
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f Legendo
& rumi-
nando, sic-
tiam purè
Dominū
larginato-
rem bono-
rum om-
nium de-
preceris,
omnia
qua cognitione
digna
sunt, aut
certè plu-
rima, ipso
magis in-
spirante,
quam ho-
minum a-
liquo
commo-
nente,
perdisces.
Aug. Ep.
120.

not onely pleased, but (as it were) eased, when hee meets with an hungrie soule, and a mouth opened wide, that hee may fill it.

Lastly, joyne f meditations with thy prayers. As prayers sometimes do kindle thy meditations, so sometimes meditations may kindle thy prayers. While I mused (saith the Psalmist) my heart waxed hot: For meditation doth stir, and blow away the ashes, even earthly and carnall thoughts, and kindles the fire of the Spirit. The soule of a Saint

Saint is a little Sanctua-
rie, or Temple, where
God dwells by his Spi-
rit; and this Spirit being
sought to in this Temple
by the servants of God,
hath given them many
times divine answers and
resolutions. So hath this
little Temple beene tur-
ned into a Schoole, where
the soules of men enligh-
tened have seen morethan
seven men upon the
Watch-Tower of hu-
mane speculation. And
when thou goest to this
Schoole, let meditation
purge thy soule from car-
nall droffiness, and fire it
into

g Beata
anima,
qua est
instar do-
mus Jaco-
bi, in qua

nulla simulachra, nulla effigies vanitatis.
Ambr. de Fuga Seculi, cap. 5. Quante fois qu'il se resouviendra de Dieu autant de fois estant libre & descharge de formes de toutes creatures, il pourra legerement monter, au Cœur Haut, comme la Meiche d'une chandelle encores fumante, quand elle est presente au dessous de celle qui est allumee, la flamme descendant incontinent au long de la fumee, s'attache a la Meiche encores tiede, & l'allume. *Harph. Theol. Myst. lib. 3. part. 2. chap. 9.* Sentio per occultas gratiae rimulas, quia talis, & talis est anima tibi intimè unita; & sic ei locutus es. Illa tacet ab omnibus sensibilibus, & tu loqueris ei in Spiritu de invisibiliis. *T. Camp. Solil. cap. 10.* Eripe distractum & captivum animum ab omnib^s concupiscentiis & corporalibus imaginibus, ut te ipsum in meipso illuminata ratione inveniam, qui me ad tuam preciosam & incorruptibilem fecisti imaginem. *Idem de Discip. Claustr. 46. 3.*

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hall and bodily images.
Let the glasse of thy soule
bee cleansed , and made
spiritually pure , that it
may be fit to entertaine a
pure spirit, and those spi-
rituall sights, which the
Spirit shall present unto
it. And being thus pure
in heart , thou shalt see
God in thy soule. Hee
who is light shall shine
into thy soule, and by this
light the face of thy soule
shall shine, as the face of
Moses on the mount. In
his light thou shalt see
light , and by this light
shalt thou see that which
all the naturall light in the

H world

world cannot shew thee. God who commanded light to shine out of darknesse, will give thee the light of the knowledge of the glorie of God in the face of Jesus Christ. And when the light of this knowledge doth appeare, then know that thy Teacher is neare. Then stand on thy Watch-Tower, and heare what hee teacheth thee, and see what hee sheweth thee. A lesson of this ^h Teacher, and

h Si tam
magnum
est, tamq;
jucundum
(ut exper-
ta loquar)
spiritales
viros audi-
re, & do-
ctos adeo
Doctores
Veritatis

habere, quanto majus, quantoque jucundius
ab ipso Deo quotidie discere, quotidie didi-
cisse? Beatus homo quem tu erudieris, Do-
mine, & de Lege tua docueris eum. *Rich. de*
Sanct. Vict. Serm. de Spiritu Sancto.

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of this teaching is the best learning, and makes the best Schollers, because taught in Gods, that is, in the best Academie. Yea, sometimes in a minute thou shalt see that by this teaching, which thou canst not attaine in many yeares by humane teaching, or thy owne study, labour, and industrie. Therefore whatsoever time thou bestowest in study, be sure to set apart some time, wherein to study the Holy Ghost, who sitting in his chaire of grace, teacheth his Schollers inwardly to see

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those divine and heavenly truths, which may advance thee in the way to heavenly glorie.

CHAP. X.

An applicatorie and cationarie Conclusion:

THE excellencie, necessitie, and utilitie of the Heavenly Academie being discovered and seene, the judgement is easily led to give sentence, That it is good for us to be there. And it is a good ambition, not to stint & stop our selves in the lower Academie, but to

to ascēd by it to the higher. It is a good ambition, because a spirituall one, which desires to get up to the highest Teacher, who is also the highest Spirit, and who alone teacheth his Schollers to see spirituall truths, with a spirituall eye. Yea, hee not onely makes the eye to see spirituall things, but gives to his Disciples the excellent spirituall things which they see: And then also by giving them to be tasted and enjoyed, they are yet better knowne and seene, even so seene as no man

can see, but hee that hath them, and hath tasted them. Hee also teacheth his Schollers to bee the best Teachers; and which is best of all, he teacheth them to attaine a Kingdome; and which is the Crowne of this Kingdome, to see the Teacher himselfe in a beatificall and eternall vision.

Strive therefore to get up to this Heavenly Academie, and as seriously as thou intendest it, so diligently use the meanes that advance thee to it, and in it. Let him who is thy Beginning be also thy End;

End ; and propose not thy selfe as thy own end, much lesse that which is inferiour to thee ; neither make base creatures the end of thy selfe, and of thy highest Creator, and heavenly Teacher. Get out also from thine owne wisedome (a verie bad Teacher of heavenly things) and givethy selfe wholly from it, unto that Teacher who is Wisedome it selfe. And that thy heavenly Teacher may delight to teach thee, get and encrease that likenesse to him, and conformitie with him, which

H 4 may

may make a love and
friendship betweene him
and thee. Come often
to his Schoole , and
wheresoever thou hast
newes of his teaching,
there desire to meet him
with thy learning.
Though *Marsba* bee
troubled with many
things, many businesses,
yea, many humade Tea-
chers ; yet with *Marie*
doe thou chuse the better
part , and desire to sit at
the feet of thy heavenly
Teacher. And if any
thing hinder thee for a
while (for sometimes the
the gathering of fruit
may

may deferre the dressing
of the root) yet returne
eftsoones to thy Teacher,
and meet him in some of
his Schooles. And what-
soever hinder thee, take
heed that it bee not care-
lesnesse of thy Teacher,
nor a fulnesse of his tea-
ching; for if thus thou
withdraw thy selfe from
him, thou wilt fall back in
thy learning, and not be-
ing watered by the dew
of his teaching, thou wilt
grow drie in the root, and
therefore must needs wi-
ther and decay in thy
fruits.

But that thou mayest

H 5 not

not be mistaken, concerning the true heavenly teaching, nor the use of it, take with thee some cautions. First, do not mistake a teaching of thine owne for an heavenly teaching; neither set thine owne imagination in the Celestiall Chaire. This hath mis-led many into many and great errors, whiles being taught by the strength of their own imaginations, they have thought themselves to be taught of God. And indeed many times, as errors do thus come from the strength of humane appre-

apprehension, so their prosecution doth favour of this strength, and shewes from whence they come; for too often opinions are headily nurfed into schismes and divisions, as they were headily brought forth; the same flesh that was the mother, being also the nurse. But the wisdome from above being first pure, and then peaceable, such are they also, who are kindly taught by that wisdome. Wherefore to trie thy teaching, whether it bee of God, first try whether it bee pure, that

Jam. 3.13,
15.

Ver. 17.

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Jas. 3.13,
15.

Vers. 17.

Psal. 11.6.
Esa. 8.20.

1 Thess.
4.9.
Rom. 14.
17, 18, 19.
1 Thess.
5.23.
2 Cor. 13.
11.
2 Thess. 3.
16.

that is, agreeable to the Word, which (the Psalmist saith) is pure. For if it agree not with the tenour and frame of this Word, there is no true and kindly light in it. Marke also and consider, whether it doe not favour of love, and agree with that meeke and quiet spirit, which of God is much esteemed. For the right Disciples of God are taught to love, and the God of peace doth fill them with the peace of God. True it is, that if by the evident light of the Word, there is somewhat

what discovered that
beares the true shape of
the doctrine of the Nico-
laitans, and thou seest
that God hates it, this
mayest thou also hate:
but even the desire and
love of peace must not
goe out of thy heart; yea,
the love of peace must
manage thy warre with
errour, and even by op-
pugning it, thou must fol-
low peace and ensue it.
And still take heed that
thou doe not make little
errours great, nor con-
demne the wheat for the
tares, nor seeke to amend
lesser errours by a greater
fault

fault of schisme and division.

Secondly judge rightly of thy owne measure, and measure thy selfe rightly by it. And when thou hast first measured thy selfe aright, then also measure thy actions and undertakings by it. St. *Paul* will have everie man to keep in, and bound his thoughts concerning himself, by the measure of faith given him of God. Strive what thou canst to increase thy measure, yet use it as it is, and neither thinke of thy abilitie beyond that which it is, nor thinke

Rom. 12.3.

thinke to produce effects beyond the cause ; which is indeed to make something out of nothing. Make use of that which thou hast, which will not onely increase the frûts of thy gift , but increase the gift it selfe, and turne two talents into foure. But if thou goest beyond thy gift, in thy opinion of it, thou goest from truth into errour, from sobrietie into presumption and pride. If thou goe beyond thy gift in thy practise, thou goest beyond strength to weaknesse,beyond that which is , to that

that which is not , and
doest not advance , but
lesser thy owne end. For
beyond thy sight thou
canst not see; neither canst
thou finish the house, for
the building whereof
thou hast not the costs.
In the meane time, if thou
have a willing mind, God
accepts thy doing out of
that which thou hast, and
expects it not out of that
which thou hast not.
And if thou bee faithfull
in that (though little)
which thou hast , God
will make thee Ruler o-
ver much. It hath beene
a fault in divers, though
well-

well-meaning soules, sometimes to undertake that which they are not enabled to effect ; sometimes to condemne that which they are not enabled to comprehend ; and sometimes to approve what they doe not attaine and understand. I uttered, saith *Job*, that I understood not, things too wonderfull for me, which I knew not : but *Job* being taught by God, learned a remedie for this disease , even a cure by contraries; a cure of inordinate speech, by an orderly silence. Once have

Job 42.3.

Job 40.5.

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1 Cor. 14.
30.

Phil. 3.15,
16.

I spoken, but I will not answer: yea twice, but I will proceed no further. Therefore if something bee revealed to a second, which was not to the first, let the first hold his peace. Silence is his first part, who sees not what he should say, and hearing his second. Therefore according to that which wee have attained, let us walke and speake; and leave that to which wee have not attained, to those that have, untill God shall reveale it. And let those that have a greater measure, help those that

that have the lesser, not despising their lesser measure, because it is lesser ; but even therefore strive to increase it. For thus, in some sort, that equalitie of Manna may bee kept, while the abundance of one supplyes the want of another, and the lesser is filled up by the greater. And let the greater know , that to whom much is given, of him much shall be required ; and if a man have recei-
ved five talents, the pro-
portion of gaine return-
ed, is expressed to bee
five ; and not two, as for
two.

2 Cor. 8.
14.

two. And if thou hast gained many, thou shalt rule over many Cities.

Thirdly, (as before of the measure so now) judge aright of the kind of thy gift. True it is, that all those that are taught of God according to the promise of the New Covenant, are all taught the Law of faith, and the Law of love. They shall all know me, saith the Lord, from the greatest to the least; even according to that knowledge which is life eternall. And this must needs bee the knowledge of

Jer. 31. 34.
Job. 6. 45,
47.
Joh. 17.
2,3.

of faith ; for by faith are we saved, even that faith which is the gift of God. The Disciples of God are also taught to love one another ; and by this love are they knowne to be Disciples. And thus by faith have they unitie with the Head, and by love with the Body. Yet is it also true, that the Spirit which gives the light of faith, gives also to divers of the Faithfull divers other powers and operations of light. To one is given wisdome to governe ; to another, judgement to decide controversies,

Eph. 2.8.
1 Thess.
4.9.

Joh. 13.
34,35.

troversies, doubts, and difficulties; to another, a sharp sight of secrets and mysteries. One excells in contemplative abilitie, another in practicall. One knowes best how to give advice, another knowes better how to obey and follow. Let everie man therefore find out his different abilitie and excellencie, and with his greatest abilitie let him make his greatest traffick. As everie man hath received the gift, so let him exercise and dispence it, as a good Steward of the manifold grace of

of God. The grace of
God is therefore divers
and manifold in many,
that in many his manifold
grace may more evident-
ly & gloriously appeare ;
and that each having need
of other, there may be a
mutuall help from each
to other, as from the
members of one body.
Therefore if thou art a
foot, doe not strive to
doe the work of an hand,
but help the worke of an
hand, if thou mayest by

1 Pet. 4.
10, 11.

Sermo
divinus
humanam
naturam
supergre-
ditur, nec
potest to-
tum &
perfectū
anima
concipe-
re. Iccir-
co & tan-
tus est nu-

merus Prophetarum, ut multiplex divina sa-
pientia per multos distribuatur. Unde & ta-
cere præcipitur primo in prophetia loquenti,
si secundo fuerit revelatum. *Firmil. apud Cyp.*
Epiſt. 75.

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the worke of a foot. For a foot may indeed thus have a part in the worke of an hand, while in the worke of a foot it supports and carries the hand to the worke of an hand. Bee then chiefly that which God would have thee to be; and what by his gift hee hath shewed thee thou shouldest bee. Keep thou especially in thine owne line; neither trouble thy selfe (much lesse boast) for the line of another. When Christ speakes to thee to follow him one way, thou maiest not with *Peter* make quarrels

quarrells and questions concerning *Johns* other way; for so mayest thou receive *Peters* answer from the Master: What is that to thee? follow thou mee. It is the Masters part to allot the way and worke of his Disciples; and therefore let both *Peter* and *John* walke that different way, to which their Master hath differently directed them. A contrarie course is a meere confusion, and therefore agrees not with him, who is the God of order, and not of confusio-
on. And as it brings all

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out of order, so it brings all to nothing. For while that gift is neglected, by which some good may be done, and that gift is affected, by which (not being attained) no good can be done; Gods work is either undone, or ill done. Therefore use thine own gift, according to the will of the Giver, and so shall it goe on in the right way, to thy brothers profit, thine owne reward, and thy Lords glorie.

Lastly, for thy heavenly teaching, and all the knowledge taught by it,

it, take no glorie to thy selfe, but give it whole and entire to thy heavenly Teacher. If flesh and bloud have not taught thee , but the Father in Heaven , let not flesh and bloud, but the Father in Heaven, have all the glorie of his owne teaching. If thou hast nothing in this kind, but what thou hast received, and much receiving causeth much owing , how canst thou glorie in the increase of thy receits, except thou wilst also glorie in the increase of thy debts ? But indeed the more thou hast

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received, the more thanks
and glorie shouldest thou
returne to the Giver. And
surely, God hath a plot
of glorie in the dispensa-
tion of his teaching. For
to make safe his glorie to
himselfe, hee often leaves
the wise and great of the
world to the blindnesse
of their naturall wise-
dome, and takes the mean
and despised ones of the
world, even babes, and
things that are not, and
gives them his teaching.
And this hee doth, That
no flesh may rejoice in
his presence; but that all
glorying may be exclu-
ded

ded from man, and kept
wholly for himselfe.
Then doe not thinke it
safe to rob God of his
glorie, which he hath thus
plotted and contrived.
Know that to rob God
of his glorie, is a high-
est kind of sacrilegious:
And not so onely, but it is
also a highest kind of
ingratitude, to take from
God because he hath gi-
ven to thee. Yea rather,
because hee hath beene
large in his grace to thee,
bee thou enlarged in thy
returne of thankes and
glorie to him. This plen-
tifull returne of glorie to

I 3 God,

God, is the best way to get an increase of that grace, for which thou giuest him glorie. Yea, to take all glorie from thy selfe, and to give it to God, is the way to receive true and solid glorie from God. For God will honour those that honour him ; and so shall it bee a most gainfull course for thee, while by putting from thee a glorie that belongs not to thee, God will freely give thee a glorie, that shall by this gift truly belong unto thee. And whereas that would be but a false, guiltie,

guiltie, and transitorie
glorie, which man would
give unto himselfe, this
shall be a pure, true, and
eternall glorie, which
shall bee given by God
unto man. Doe not
then make thy selfe vain,
and sinfull, and miserable,
by stealing glorie from
God to thy selfe; but
make thy selfe happie by
glorifying him, and being
glorified of him.

Neither doe thou glo-
rifie him onely in words,
but in works; let it ap-
peare in the excellencye
of thy works, that thou hast
had an excellent Teacher.

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2 Thess. I.
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Let the light of thy works so shine before men, that they may glorifie God the Father of this light. Christ tells his Disciples, that by bringing forth much fruit his Father is glorified. Let therefore both the plentie and the excellencie of thy fruit, gaine glorie and praise to the heavenly Husbandman. And indeed Christ our Master, punctually and expressely doth call for excellent fruits of his Disciples. Heethinks it not enough for his glorie, if his

his Schollers , being taught of God , bring forth onely the fruits of such as are taught by men . Therefore hee raiseth them up to a higher kind of fruitfulnesse , by this question : What excellent thing doe yee ? He expecteth fruits of an eminent vertue beyond others , who beyond others have had an eminent teaching and Teacher . Doe then some excellent things , yee that have so excellent a Master ; and glorifie your Master , by doing things more excellent than the meere

Matth . 5.
47.

meere Schollers of earthly Teachers. To this end, let your fruits issue from the new man, which is taught of God; and not from the old man, which caine in by the teaching of Satan. Let the excellent & unmatchable ointments of Christ Jesus give an excellent favour to your works, and let the house of the Church be filled with the favour of these oyntments. Let the sweetnesse thereof so ravish & overcome men, that they may bee forced to confesse, That God is in you of a truth, and that
you

you have beeene taught of
God. And to this God,
which is in you, and hath
taught you to excell in
virtue, let them give all
the glorie.

And thus after you
have a while advanced
the glorie of your Tea-
cher, your Teacher shall
advance you into the
fight of his glorie. These
drops and dewes of grace,
by which you are now
taught, shall bring you to
the fight and fruition of
the Teacher himselfe,
who is an ever-flowing
Fountaine, and boundlesse
Ocean of light, wisdome,
grace,

grace & glorie. Then the most glorious Sun-light and influence of Gods presence, irradiating and overflowing thee, and so more than fully teaching thee, shall drowne the Star-light of this teaching, which thou receivest here below. Yet shalt thou magnifie this lesser teaching, because it hath brought thee to this great and glorious Teacher, whose light shall give thee the sight of the highest wisdome; whose presence shall inebriate thee with the fulnesse of joy, whose right hand

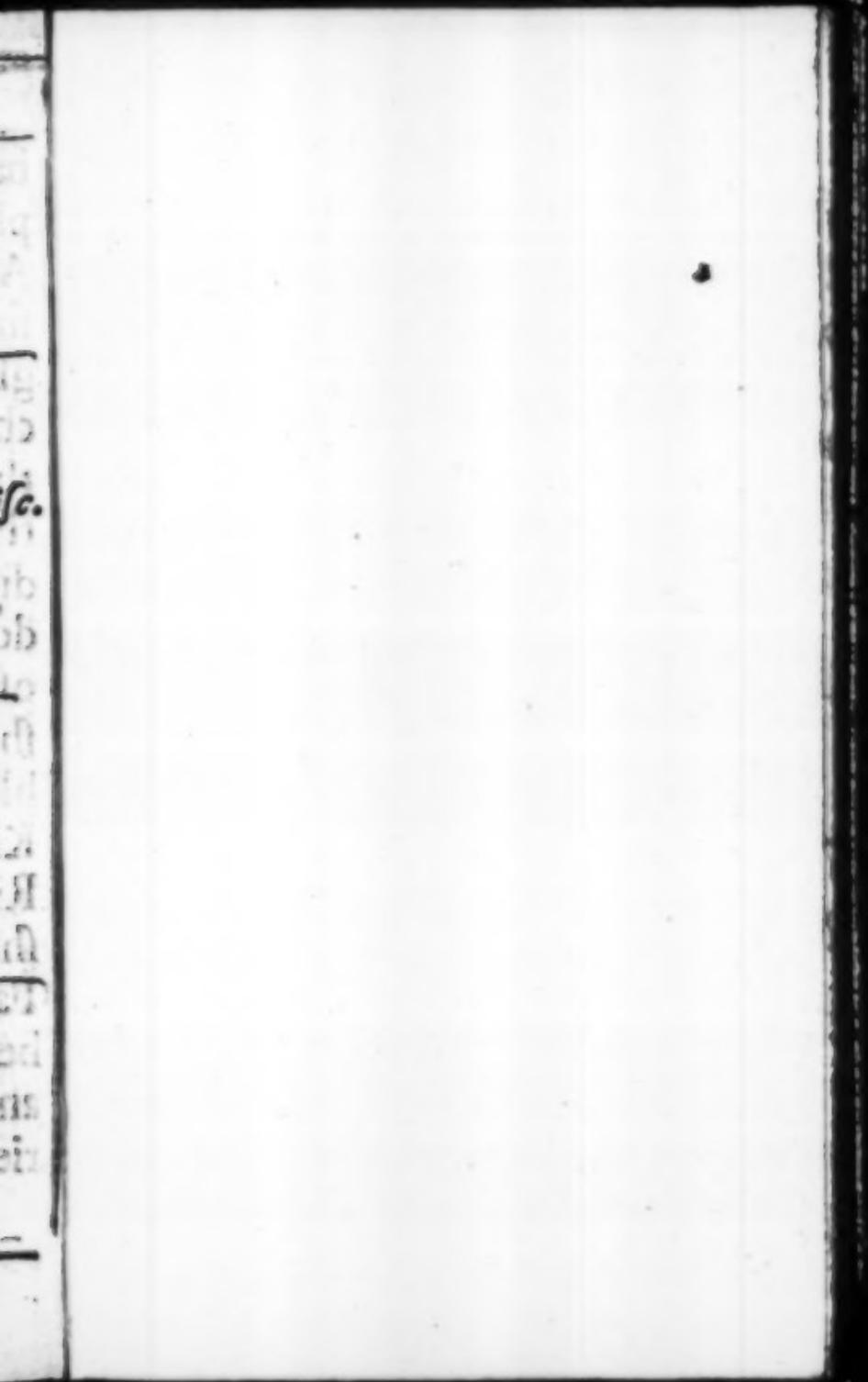
hand shall give thee the pleasures of eternitie. And in these eternall pleasures shalt thou eternally glorifie thy supreme Teacher, who hath taught thee to a Kingdome, and that not an earthly, fading, and vanishing Kingdome, but to a Kingdome of Heaven that cannot be shaken, a Kingdome of blisse that hath no end, a Kingdome wherein the Righteous shall for ever shine in the glorie of their Father: for the Lord shall be their everlasting light, and their God their glorie.

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Jam hic videre magnum Sacra-
mentum, fratres. Magisteria
forinsecus, Adjutoria quædam
sunt, & Admonitiones; Ca-
thedram in Cælo habet, qui
corda docet. Aug. Tract. 3. in
i. Joan.

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TO
THE RIGHT
HONOURABLE,
JOHN Lord Ro-
BERTS, Baron
of Truico, &c.

My Lord:

TO whom first
as a Judge, &
next as a Pa-
tron, should
a worke present it selfe,
that concernes both Uni-
versities, but to a person
that hath knowledge of
a both?

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both? For the lower, I
thinke there are scarcely
any, that have more pro-
fited in it, in no more time;
a diligent and apprehen-
sive Learner, having met
with an able & communi-
cative Teacher. And for
the higher, I thinke you
know it well, because you
love it well. Not to goe
farre for a proofe, the ex-
pressions of love, which
you have beene pleased
to shew me, did arise (as I
beleeve) especially from
this root; because you
thought me to be of that
Univerfitie. Now that
for which another is lo-
ved,

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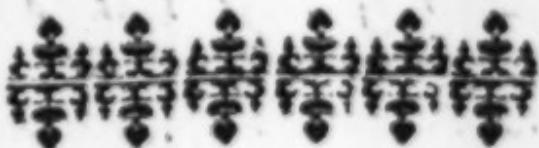
ved, must needs be loved
it selfe, and what is loved
is knowne ; for what we
know not, we love not.

And in this love and
knowledge, I desire that
your Lordship may still
increase, untill you come
to the fountaine of know-
ledge, and the finall, full,
and transcendent object
of all created love. To-
wards this increase, if the
following work may give
some advancement, it shall
adde much to the joy of
him, who is to

*Your Lordships (especially spiri-
tuall) service justly devoted,*

F. Rous.





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 *T*is the just saying of an Ancient, Prodere grata commemo- ratione decet scientiae pa- trem; It is comely to ac- knowledge with thankfulness, the Father of our knowledge. If this be justly due from man unto man, how much more due is it from man unto God? For though man be called the

A 3 father

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Gen. 4.21.

father of those that are taught by him, yet God is the Father of those fathers ; even a Teacher of those teachers : and therefore by our Saviours judgement deserves only the name of Father, in perfection and eminence. Those then that have God to be a Father of knowledge to them, should returne to this Father the praise and glorie of this knowledge. The heavenly gifts of God, when they move kindly and naturally, doe move like the Heavens, in a circular motion ; returning to that place and point from which they began.

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gan first to move; from God unto God. They come from him as graces, and returne to him in the shape of glorie.

Accordingly, having received a measure of grace from this heavenly Teacher, by which I am what I am, I could not but acknowledge it, and by this acknowledgement returne him glorie for grace. And because I desire also that others may have the like grace, that God also from others may have the like glorie, I testifie to others that which I have felt and seene. I have evidently seene and felt, that men are taught of God;

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and so there is a third school
for the Students of Divini-
tie. And as they passe from
the Countrey-schoole to the
Universitie, so should they
yet mount higher to a third,
even a Celestiall Acade-
mie. And certainly, as the
second excels the first, so &
much more doth the third
excell the second.

Some perchance may an-
swere with the Servant, Son,
and Heire of the Great E-
lijah; Hold your peace, I
know it already. Yet those
that know it, will not envie
that it be told to those that
know it not. There are sons
of the Prophets that must
grow

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grow up like young plants in
the house of the Lord; and
those have a time when they
know it not, and this dis-
course may meet with that
time. Yea there may be
some Masters in Israel, in-
to whose eares perchance it
hath passed, but not entered
into their hearts, that as a
man must be borne, so hee
must be taught from above.
And if this naile be driven
beyond hearing, into know-
ledge, experience, and taste,
I hope no man will be sor-
rie for such a gaine. Besides,
too true and common it is,
that the naturall heart of
men willingly lies downe

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and takes up its rest in the abilities of Nature ; and fetcheth oracles from thence (the cause of so many errors , and differences the consequences of errors) and therefore hath it need of such goads to awake it , and to make it open the eye and eare to this heavenly Teacher.

It is most true , that those who have not beene taught in this higher schoole of Grace , but onely in the lower of Nature , cannot well acknowledge that which they know not ; this schoole being best learned , known , and acknowledged , by those whom

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whom it most teacheth. And those who have beeene well taught there, doe well know, that Christians are herein better than their neighbors, even than the best of Pagans, because they are taught by God, the best, most transcendent, and infallible Teacher. The heavenly Teacher teacheth them both what and how to beleevē; he gives them his heavenly truths contained in his Word; and gives them withall an heavenly mind to discerne, beleevē, and receive them. And thus while a Christian holds his religion by an heavenly hand; & both

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both are given him by an
heavenly Teacher : a Chri-
stians tenure of religion is
far more noble, excellent,
and assured than that of
the Pagan. A Christian
thus taught from above, be-
lieves and worships what
he knowes, whereas the Pa-
gan worships what hee
knowes not ; even that
which he hath received only
by the way of Nature, from
naturall, deceived, and de-
ceiving men : But the Chri-
stian hath a spirit from God
in Christ Jesus (for if any
man have not the spirit of
Christ, he is not Christs) and
this Spirit gives him a

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spiritual eye, which an Heathen hath not; and yet this eye alone, can truly and kindly discerne and see spirituall and heavenly truths. And for this spirituall eye, which the Christian hath from the Spirit of God, the Heathens and Mahometans may say among themselves of a Christian, as once an Heathen King said to his Heathen Subjects of Joseph: Can wee find such a man as this? a man in whom is the Spirit of God.

And that such Christians may abound, is the end of this work, which far ought I know

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know, hath not beeene overwrought, nor thereby made superfluous and unseasonable for the present age. I wish that fetching heavenly knowledge from carnall reason and humane wit, have not made it too seasonable. Yet to turn men back the more willingly from this counter-course, I have brought forth patternes of some, who haue taught and professed a deniall of their own wits and reasons, though acute and excellent; and have (as it were) quenched their owne naturall lamps, that they might get them kindled above by the Father of

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of lights. Yea, thus did sundry of them, even in those times, when humane wit and reason had made too great a mixture with the mysteries of Divinitie. Yet then did God preserve the soveraigntie of his owne light in eminence and glorie, by the homage of these mens confessions, and submissions to that light. And if such high thoughts and imaginations (that commonly doe most exalt themselves against the knowledge taught of God) doe thus submit unto it, the lower should not be high when the higher are low.

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THE HEAVENLY ACADEMIE.

CHAP. I.

*The great use and benefit
of the lower Academies.*

 **U**R Saviour Christ having made use of many old things of the Creation, to represent and insinuate many new things of the Regeneration, he infers a position

Marth. 13.

tion from his practice; therefore everie Scribe which is instructed to the Kingdome of Heaven, is like unto a man that is an Houholder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things both new and old.

Whosoever then would expresse the best character of an heavenly Scribe, from whence should hee rather take it, than from the best patterne, lively set forth by the best and highest Teacher, who was that which hee described, and described that which hee was? And whereas

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our actions must be guided by rules, he doth justly draw rules from his owne actions.

Having then so absolute, both a Patterne and a Teacher, let us boldly frame the character of our heavenly Scribe, to the shape both of this chiefe Doctor, and of his Doctrine. Accordingly wee will commend to our Scribe things both new and old (but the old first, because they are first) and after him who is Truth, will lay downe this true position; That toward the making of a learned Scribe,

Scribe, there is a great ad-
vantage to be gained by
the gathering of old things
into his treasurie. The
Scribe that wil be learned,
may be a gatherer of old
things; and so let him be.
Let him gather into his
treasurie the things of
Nature, yea gather a stock
of them, and lay them up
for his use, when he comes
to the new. Let him know
in a competent measure
what is to be found a-
broad in the old Creation;
yea, let him learne what is
copied out of it by art
and industrie, to serve him
in the things of Regenera-
tion.

tion: and if in this search he meet with the learning of the Ægyptians, he may carrie their jewels into his treasurie. Let an Heathen Logician or Philosopher, be his Gibeonite to cleave wood, and to draw water for his service in the Sanctuarie. Let the one divide, define, and order; and the other draw secrets from the depths of Nature, to serve the Lords servants in the Tabernacle. Let the precept and patternes of vertues, gathered from their doctrines and stories, serve for spurs and incentives to grace,

grace, to goe beyond the effects of Nature ; and for exprobations when shee doth it not. And let the languages both of the Un-beleever, and Mis-belee-ver, serve for keyes to open to new men , those mysteries which the old men see not , neither doe open to themselves, though the keies be in their hands.

Such old things as these are earthly needles , that may draw in heavenly truths : They are earthly glasses, that may help our eyes to a clearer discerning of heavenly images : they may help to illustrate,

strate, to insinuate, to convince, and to gaine. By them the new man may be a Grecian to the Grecians, to gaine and convince the Grecians; and a Jew to the Jewes; to gaine or convince the Jewes; and all things to all men, to win some. And accordingly the most laborious Scholler of the greatest Master, though sometime rapt up into the heavenly Schoole, yet when hee is among the Jewes, he convinceth them by the Prophets received of the Jewes; and when he is at Athens among the Grecians,

Acts 26.
22.

A&s 17.
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ans, hee convinceth them also by their owne Prophets; even learned Heathens, by their Heathen Poet.

Lastly, this Scribe in the lower Academic, may improve the abilities of Nature, given him by the first and old creation. For these old things will grow by use and exercise, and likewise become excellent instruments in the new estate; there being no little use of understanding, memorie, & elocution, when they shall become new, and new things shall be added to them.

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And thus the Scribe having gained in the lower Academie a large provision of these old things, hee commends the use of that Academy, which furnished him and his treasurie with this provision: and himselfe is to be commended for one part of a perfect, and well instructed Scribe. And though there remaine yet a more excellent part, yet even to this part there wants not an excellencie, and consequently a great degree of praise and commendation.

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